

Town Of Ayer

Council Of Aging Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Minutes Revised July 12, 2023

COA Center 18 R Pond Street, Ayer, MA 01432

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Meeting in person at the Senior center. 18 R Pond Street, Ayer MA 01432

In Attendance

COA Director Katie Petrossi

COA Board Chairperson Dennis Curran

COA Board Member Bobby Gardner

COA Board Member Mary Markham

COA Board Member Secretary Marge Withee

-COA Board Member Janine Nichipor Absent

Agenda:

1. Call To Order
2. Welcome to Bob Gardner and Mary Markham
3. Approve/amend agenda
4. Public Input
5. Approve Minutes
6. Director's monthly Senior center Report
(please review prior to meeting)
7. MCOA training thoughts/ takeaways
8. Updated policies and procedures
9. Building committee update
10. ARPA funding
11. Board officers
12. Old business
13. New business
14. Adjourn

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Dennis Curran at 2:05 P.M.

Mary Markham made a motion to call the meeting to order, and Bob Gardner seconded it. All members voted unanimously to call the meeting to order.

2. Welcome to Bob Gardner and Mary Markham

Bob and Mary were welcomed as COA members, and all were introduced.

3. Approve/amend Agenda

Mary voted to approve the agenda, and Bob seconded the motion. All members voted yes, and the agenda was approved.

4.Public Input

There was no public present at this meeting. The Board decided the flower garden and Nancy Jacvony were taken care of, and the matter resolved.

5.Approve Minutes

Deferred to July, when all members could be present, and we hope to catch up on all of 2022, April, May, and June of 2023.

6. Director's monthly Senior Center report

Center is fully staffed, with MaryEllen as Outreach Coordinator. A Social Worker has accepted the job, to begin mid-July, giving 20 hours a week to the Senior Center.

7.MCOA training thoughts/takeaway

On May 9th, Katie, Dennis and Janine attended a COA Board training session in Lexington, put on by the MCOA. They found the speaker engaging, and helpful. The exercises were team building exercises, focusing on "Why are we here as a Board?" and "What do we want to accomplish?" The COA Board will complete this exercise at the July meeting.

8.Updated policies and procedures

Deferred until July meeting

9.ARP Funding

What will the Senior Center be able to have for funds from this? How do we go about getting it for the new center?

10.Board Officers

- a) Elections deferred until the future, when everyone is able to be present
- b) Should we also have a co-chair, as well as chair, and secretary?

11.Old Business

- a) Talked about length of meetings
- b)should be checking mailboxes every few days

12. New Business Next meeting July 11, 2:00 P.M. at Senior Center

13.Adjourn

Marge made a motion to adjourn, and Bob seconded it. Dennis adjourned the meeting at 3:57.

Documents used or referenced to were a) The Director's Monthly Report, b) Article 97, only referred to, and c) the MCOA Board, as to what it is, when they became a governing board (1974), and d) the Policy and Procedures update for next month.

W. A. Cam
Chair
July 12, 2023