



Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes July 9, 2024

Present: Martha Reed, Carol Burt, Susan Oiestead, Terry Pereira, Joyce Veilleux & Michael Hevey

Absent: Joan Mello & Jacqueline Kenworthy

- 1.) The meeting was legally posted on Friday July 5, 2024
- 2.) The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:08am
- 3.) **Welcome New Board Members:**
 - a. Joyce Veilleux & Michael Hevey were appointed by the Selectboard to be a part of the Board of Directors.
- 4.) **New Board Reorganization:**
 - a. Board reorganization is as follows: Chair-Carol Burt, Vice Chair-Susan Oiestead, Secretary- Joyce Veilleux, Members-Terry Pereira, Joan Mello & Jacqueline Kenworthy.
- 5.) **Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Susan Oiestead made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 14, 2024 Meeting, Terry seconded, vote passes.
- 6.) **Financial Report:**

A short discussion ensued to inform the new members about the COA Budget as well as what the SHINE Councilors do. The COA should not be adversely affected by the budget cuts. There were no major overages at the end of the fiscal year.
- 7.) **Old Business:**
 - a. **EOEA Supportive Social Day Expansion Grant:** Supportive Social Day will begin at 5 days in August. We will be able to hire another full time staff member as well as a van driver. The grant was a way to finically booster the program.
 - b. **FY25 Budget:** The budget is now in full swing, everything is running smoothly.
 - c. **Veterans room renovations:** The moving wall was approved at town meeting and will be installed in August. The Veterans wall will be repainted, all photos are being professionally reframed. About \$600 was donated in memory of Dorothea Machado and those funds are being used to renovate the wall. In November there will be a dedication.
 - d. **Hiring a part-time Outreach Worker:** The job description will be posted soon.
 - e. **July 4th Parade:** Terry and Linda were guests on the Van. Cameron Durant from Human Resources volunteered to drive, a great time was had by all.
- 8.) **New Business**
 - a. **Courtyard Renovations:** New umbrellas have been purchased and the Rec Department purchased a misting tent for the hot days. Looking to order sun sails for the remainder of the yard, removed the old awning and we will have someone to come and look at the fountain.

9.) Directors Report

Senior Center/Program Utilization:

	June 2024	Year to Date Total
Events	354	2577
Unduplicated Persons	524	1397
Units of Service	2412	12304
S.H.I.N.E. Appts	50	772
Daily Utilization Rate	78	85.53

Transportation Utilization: In June 152 Rides were provide to 61 Seniors.

Volunteers: 21 volunteers provided over 487 hours of service at the COA in June. The dollar value of these hours is over \$10,500.

Community Needs: 20 Seniors were assisted with SNAP recertification and new applications. 3 seniors were assisted with senior housing applications. 4 new households were registered with CSFP Food Bank services. 1 Fairhaven resident were assisted with heating bills from the Keeping Seniors Warm Program.

In-person event highlights: The Single Senior Supper Club had 29 persons in attendance. The LGBTQ+ Supper Club held its annual cookout and had 30 persons attend last month. Over 56 persons participated in the congregate lunch program (369 served meals).

Social Day: Please see the attached reports from Sally Bourke. Supportive Social Day Expansion Grant progress update: We have identified a full-time assistant activities coordinator and hired an additional van driver to cover the additional days. The program will go back to 5 days per week starting Monday August 5, 2024.

Hybrid Programming: We've been able to live stream several events, including Moving with Moxie, the monthly Memory Café, Tony & Pat, Gary Farias, Rebecca Pink, Nunsense, and Healing with Grace. We are in the process of planning nutritional programming with Community Nurse, Coastline, and the Marion Institute to further expand our programming

FY25 Improvements: The dividing wall should be completed the first week of August. The COA has received over \$650 in memory of Dorothea Machado and these donations will be used towards the renovations in the Veteran's Room.

Summer Programming Update: Our second Intergenerational Field Day will be held on Tuesday August 6th from 10-2. We have lots of games planned, a BBQ, a petting zoo for the afternoon, and Dorothy Cox's Ice Cream to finish the day.

10.)Social Day Coordinators Report:

Activities: Exercise, Moxie Mobility, Bingo/Jingo, Trivia, Current Events, Reminisce, Men's Group, Craft Corner Puzzle Group, Horse Race Game, Baking Group, Walking

Group, Frisbee Toss, Left, Right, Center Game, Greedy Dice, Adult Coloring Pages, Penny Ante, Bunco, Seated Basketball

Entertainment this month:

7/3/24- 4th of July Celebration with **Rebecca Pink**

7/9/24- Entertainment with **Joe Mac**

7/25/24- Memory Café with Entertainment by **Tony & Pat**

Notes:

7/4/24- Fairhaven C.O.A. will be closed to observe Independence Day

7/10/24- Monthly Fire Drill

7/9/24- Last Intergenerational Program with the Wood School Champion Kids Summer Program for the year.

7/18/24- Bristol Hospice (Kim Pouty) will be here to treat the clients to Ice cream from an Ice cream truck!! Yum!!

7/24/24- Fairhaven Police Dog "Blue" will be here

Upcoming Events:

8/6/24- Intergenerational End of summer Cookout and games with the "Kool Kids" and Wood Schools "Champion Kids"

8/21/24- Maggie Rocha from the Fairhaven Fire Dept. will be here to do a Fire safety and Evacuation with the Staff and Clients of the Social Day Program.

****Total Units Serviced for the month was 289 with a client average of 22***

11.) Next Meeting : Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 9am

12.) Roll Call & Adjournment: Carol Burt made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35am, Terry Pereira Seconded. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,



Jocelyn Bowers
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