



Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024

Present: Martha Reed, Carol Burt, Terry Pereira, Joyce Veilleux & Michael Hevey, Jacqueline Kenworthy & Joan Mello. **ABSENT:** Susan Oistead

- 1) **The meeting was legally posted on December 5, 2024**
- 2) **The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:10am**
- 3) **Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Jacqueline Kenworthy made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 8, 2024 Meeting, Carol Burt seconded, vote passes.
- 4) **Financial Report:** Had a few extraordinary repairs to vans, the oven in the kitchen is not baking properly, have someone coming and will use Social Day and Gift account funds to pay for the parts, expecting a mild cost of repair.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Veteran's Room Renovations/Parade/Luncheon:** 70 People attended the rededication/celebration. Great meal of Pot Roast from Coastline. Made the wall more military/uniform fashion. The emblems came from a Veteran owned business. Sandi, from "I did it myself", who is also a Lions Club Member, reframed all the photos. Interior Decorator, Margie from "Interior Elements Design" created the layout of the frames. AllTrust sponsored the luncheon. We are also trying to label all of the Veteran photos, if you see notes on them, that would be why. The COA participated in the Veterans Day Parade with 4 additional persons on the bus.
 - b. **Thanksgiving Dinner:** 65 People had dinner. Fairlawn Mortuary paid for 50 meals and Fairhaven Fire Fighters paid for the remainder. 11 deliveries to home bound residents and 54 in person. Dorothy Cox donated treats. Susan Seguin donated sparkling cider. Mac's Soda Bar was the caterer.
 - c. **La Salette Field Trip:** 21 people went on the trip. Everyone had a lovely sit down meal at 4:30. Had wonderful feedback and will do it again next year. Will also look into a bus instead of using our vans.
 - d. **Flu Clinics:** SEMHC did the first flu clinic, only flu shots. Second Flu clinic was done with Brian from Fairhaven Pharmacy with high and low dose flu shots, RSV and COVID boosters.
 - e. **Community Transit Program:** With the help of Coastline, we have applied for two new COA vehicles. Van 5 is showing significant wear and tear. We will put up 15% for a match. 18k for the Large Van. Funds left over from the Formula Grant (not town funds) to purchase the van. We are waiting to be awarded. To do smaller transport, it is not cost effective to use a large van, we applied for a Mobility Wheelchair Mini Van. It would be a 12k match cost and the money will come from private donations. The vans will not be ordered until July of 2025 and may not see them until 2026. Any retired vehicles go to auction to be retired and the fund from the auction will go into the general funds.

8) New Business

- a. **Holiday Parties:** All parties are scheduled for the coming week. All board members are invited to attend the employee holiday party. We will also be doing a PJ Party that day. Holiday parties include: Single Supper Club, LGBTQ Supper Club, Fairhaven Animal Shelter, Employee Party, and Holiday Music Bingo with Eddie F.
- b. **COA Community Outreach :** A person has not been selected. Currently in the process of applying for ARAW funding. The COA will fully fund the position, not the town. A discussion of how grants and funds work in the town ensued.
- c. **SHINE Open Enrollment and Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment:** Oct. 13-Dec.7th, SHINE started booking in September. All spots are filled and every appointment is 5-7 persons per day. The COA is tremendously thankful as the ladies do SHINE on a volunteer basis.
- d. **Holiday Closures:** Closing at 12 pm on December 24th and December 31st. Social Day will be open for the full day. The center is fully closed Christmas & New Years Day.
- e. **AARP Tax Preparation:** AARP is returning to do taxes here at the center. Tax time is February to April. Over 200 returns were prepared last year.
- f. **ARAW Grant:** This grant is funded from New Bedford. It was previously used to pay for outreach workers. ARAW is trust based philanthropy. The Fairhaven COA was invited to apply and we are able to use the funds to benefit the seniors. The funds can also be used for staffing and training.

9) Directors Report:

Senior Center/Program Utilization:

	October 2024	November	Year to Date Total
Events	380	370	4,464
Unduplicated Persons	697	614	2098
Units of Service	3,170	2,549	30,571
S.H.I.N.E. Appts	295 (232 unduplicated)	245 (197 unduplicated)	2205 (899 unduplicated)
Daily Utilization Rate	94.23	84.36	85.86

Transportation Utilization:

October: 169 Rides were provided to 72 Seniors

November: 138 Rides were provided to 61 Seniors

Volunteers: October: 24 volunteers provided over 500 hours of service (AV: \$11,520)

November: 34 volunteers provided over 400 hours of service (AV: \$16,320)

Community Needs: October: 8-SNAP issues; 4-Housing Issues; 1 new household were registered with CSFP Food Bank services. November: 9 SNAP Issues; 3-Housing Issues; 2 new households registered for CSFP Food Bank services.

In-person event highlights: October: Single Senior Supper Club-22 and LGBTQ+ Supper Club Supper Club was attended by 32; 54 persons participated in the congregate lunch (416 meals). November: Single Senior Supper Club-25 and LGBTQ+ Supper Club Supper Club was attended by 30; 46 persons participated in the congregate lunch (280 meals). Veteran's Day Luncheon 70 persons and Thanksgiving 65 total meals 54 were in-person.

Social Day: Please see the attached reports from Sally Bourke. We will be taking all the Social Day Volunteers out to Dinner at Bocca, we are just waiting to confirm a date.

Hybrid Programming: We've were able to live stream several events, including Moving with Moxie, the monthly Memory Café, Veteran's Luncheon, and Social Day entertainers.

FY25 Improvements: All FY25 Painting and planned improvements have been completed.

FY25 Planning: Applied to MDOT for 2 new vans, used match funds from Formula Grant and private donations. Remodeling of Kitchen to be submitted to Capital Planning Committee.

Fall Activities Update: The two flu clinics were very well attended. Vaccines were provided to over 40 persons. Including Flu, COVID Boosters, RSV, etc.

Winter Activities: Holiday Field trip to La Salette on December 4, 2024. Holiday Parties are scheduled for the week of December 16th.

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, Adult Coloring Pages, Penny Ante, Bunco, Seated Basketball, Words in a Word, Scrabble Group

Entertainment this month:

11/11/24- Veteran's Day- Center Closed

11/12/24-- Entertainment by Tony & Pat

11/13/24—History of Lincoln Park W/ Bill Comeau

11/19/24-Entertainment W/ Charlotte Silva

11/21/24—Memory Café- Entertainment W/ Tony & Pat

Notes:

11/11/24- Veteran's Day-Center Closed

11/14/24- Monthly Fire Drill

11/28&29- Thanksgiving -Center Closed

Upcoming Events:

12/5/24- Christmas Party with Lisa Bindas from "Got to Have It"

11/12/24- Veteran's Ceremony

12/10/24- Outing to K&A Creations for Ceramics Class

12/11/24- Outing to the Fairhaven Town Hall to decorate the Christmas Tree

12/18/24- *Remembering Christmas Shopping in Southeastern Massachusetts from the 1940's – 1960's, Presented by Bill Comeau*

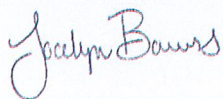
**Total Units Serviced for the month was 223 with a client average of 13*

11) Other Business: NA

12) Next Meeting : Tuesday January 14, 2025, 2024 9:00am.

13) Roll Call & Adjournment: Carol Burt made the motion to adjourn at 10:10am, Joyce Veillux
Vote passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jocelyn Bowers
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