



## Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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### Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes April 14, 2026

**Present:** Martha Reed, Terry Pereira, Joyce Veilleux, Carol Burt, Nancy & Michael Hevey  
**Absent:** Joan Mello & Susan Oiestad & Nancy Santoro

- 1) **The meeting was legally posted on Thursday April 9, 2026**
- 2) **The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:03 am**
- 3) **Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. Carol B. made the motion to approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Meeting, Michael H. seconded. Vote passes.
- 4) **Financial Report: Only one concern at the moment, Heat Light and Power. Currently working with Town Hall to retrieve credits to reduce the costs. Currently on track as far as spending.**
- 5) **Old Business**
  - a. **AARP Taxes:** April 14th (today) is the last day AARP will be at the COA. Anyone who had to have their appointments rescheduled has been seen. Approximately 120 people were served during this tax season.
  - b. **Easter Dinner:** 50 People were in attendance with some deliveries. The Easter Dinner was graciously paid for by a donation from Cana Cares.
  - c. **Kitchen Renovations Update:** Currently in the process of obtaining bids. More information to come.
  - d. **Spring Programs:** Thanks to a Fairhaven Cultural Council Grant, we welcome Matt York back to the center for a Country Music Revue Performance.
- 6.) **New Business**
  - a. **Upcoming Events- Summer Programming:** Gave an update on Shuttle information, a small discussion also ensued about raising the cost of the Mall Trips.
  - b. **New Van:** Received a notification about the Van lettering, this is a step closer to the Van coming to the COA.
  - c. **Memorial Day Parade:** If anyone would like to participate in the parade and would like to ride the van in the parade, they are more than welcome to. Please call the COA to save a seat.
  - d. **Memorial Day Cookout- May 22, 2026:** Graciously hosted by Coastline with a \$3 suggested donation. Begins at 11:30am.
  - e. **Older Americans Month- Mass Bar and Championing Your Health-** The COA will be at the "Walk with a Doc" at Buttonwood Park on May 2nd for Older Americans Month. The COA will also host the 2026 Mass Bar Elder Law Program with Brandon Walecka Law.

**7.) Directors Report-  
Senior Center/Program Utilization:**

	February 2026	Year to Date Total
Events	232	511
Unduplicated Persons	476	731
Units of Service	1,491	3,318
S.H.I.N.E. Appts	157 (107 unduplicated)	351 (199 unduplicated)
Daily Utilization Rate	57	62.6

**Transportation Utilization**

41 seniors used our transportation program for a total of 97 rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, and community programs. Due to the weather, transportation services were not available during the last week of February.

**Volunteer Contributions**

In February, 20 volunteers contributed more than 350 hours of service, with an estimated in-kind value of about \$13,000. Their ongoing support plays a big role in helping the Council on Aging run its programs and serve the community.

**Program Services Summary**

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)& Emergency Food/Gift Cards:**

In February, four households were helped with SNAP applications, screenings, recertifications, and paperwork. Three households also received emergency grocery gift cards.

**Housing Stability Services**

In February, staff worked with three households on eviction prevention, housing applications, and connecting them to the right housing resources.

**Community Surplus Food Program**

Through our partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank's Community Surplus Food Program, 55 households received food assistance in February.

**Fairhaven Community Outreach Partnership**

In February, two active cases continued to receive support through this partnership, including outreach, help navigating resources, and follow-up to address ongoing needs and support their safety and stability.

**Social Day Program**

Please refer to the attached reports from Sally Bourke for additional details.

**Grants & Funding**

Nothing new to report this month.

### **COA Kitchen Renovations**

The COA is currently working with the Town's Facilities Director on the kitchen renovation project. We've started getting bids for the construction and expect to make a decision soon, with construction anticipated to begin soon.

### **8.) Social Day Coordinators Report:**

#### Activities:

- Daily Seated Exercise/ Weekly Chair Zumba, Bingo/Jingo, Trivia, Current Events, Charades, 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, Shut the Box, Seated Basketball, Words in a Word, Scrabble Group, Movie Monday, "You Be the Judge," "What would you Do?"

#### Entertainment this month:

- 3/3/26- Entertainment W/ Joe M.
- 3/5/26- Entertainment W/ Rebecca P.
- 3/10/26-Entertainment W/Pam T.
- 3/17/26-Entertainment W/ Gary F.
- 3/26/26- Entertainment W/Tony & Pat
- 3/31/26- Entertainment W/Dave V.

Notes: The C.O.A. will be closed on Monday 4/20/26 for Patriots Day.

#### Upcoming Events: - In April -

4/2/26- The Supportive Social day will celebrate Easter with a Ham Dinner and Easter Egg Games.

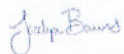
*\*Total Units Serviced for the month of March 224 with a client average of 10*

**9.) Other Business:** None

**10.) Next Meeting:** May 12, 2026 at 9:00am

**11.) Roll Call & Adjournment:** Joyce V. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20am. Terry P. Seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jocelyn Bowers  
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