

**Commission on Aging
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Town Hall
Thursday November 16, 2023
4:00 PM**

Minutes are considered "draft minutes" until approved at the following meeting

1. Call to Order

Colleen Kaplan called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM. Members present were Donna Mosher, Barbara Armfield, Rita McGary and Dianne Greco.

Absent: Melissa Jordan, Rita McGary

Also present: David Porter, Town Manager

Guests: Mark Paul

2. Approval of September 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Tabled

3. Update: Senior Center Director, Vi Schwarzmann

Vi Schwarzmann reported Bingo is held on Mondays from 1 – 3. A potluck luncheon and music events are planned for December. A blood drive is scheduled in January. Discussed planning a mystery dinner for January. Discussed ways to advertise events such as a sandwich board by the Senior Center. Discussed finding a volunteer to update the Senior Center Facebook page. D. Greco suggested using volunteers for other needs.

4. Updates From Visits to Other Senior Centers

D. Greco visited Portland Senior Center. She obtained newsletters that were reviewed by the commission as well as photos of the facility. The facility appears inviting, has a community room and an outdoor garden. They have two employees and several volunteers. There was discussion regarding the size of the Portland senior center budget vs Marlborough. Discussed how to reorganize the Marlborough Senior center. Perhaps find a professional volunteer to help with the concept.

5. Pick a Date for First Quarterly Area COA Meeting

Two dates were chosen in January that will work for members present. C. Kaplan to propose these options to other towns that will be attending.

6. Report to Town Manager – Other Updates needed?

Not discussed

7. Public Comments

Mark Paul commented the Senior Center would benefit from additional hired employees or volunteers.

8. Adjourn

D. Mosher made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 PM. D. Greco seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk