

Edgartown Council On Aging Five-Year Planning Committee

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Minutes of April 26, 2022 Meeting

Members present at The Anchors: Marvene O'Rourke, Carolyn O'Daly, Janice Belisle, and Sarah Henderson.

Members present on Zoom were Dianne Durawa, Barbara Phillips, Nancy Ignacio and Lyndsay Famariss.

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm by Marvene O'Rourke, Chair.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the March 30, 2022 meeting were accepted as written.

Report on Meeting with Town Administrator:

Chairman requested the report of the meeting with the Town Administrator on April 25, 2021. Attending that meeting were James Hagerty, Town Administrator and committee members Dianne Durawa, Janice Belisle, Barbara Phillips and Lyndsay Famariss.

Mr. Hagerty listened to the committee's concerns and understands the considerable problems with the current building and will work with us to set a tone to navigate thru the process of determining the best location for the ECOA. He will approach the town attorney to look into whether there are any constraints limiting the possible use or sale of the Anchors building.

Discussion:

As discussion continued, the committee decided we would:

- Review Edgartown demographics and predictions for increase of senior population;

- Obtain staff input regarding the type and size of a potential new location and how to replicate the homeyness of the current building;
- Communicate with the MCOA for advice and guidance regarding building space and use;
- Communicate with and possibly visit other COAs on the Cape with similar demographics regarding their needs for and use of space;
- When appropriate, take a field trip to visit the Boys & Girls Club to see if and how that space might be adapted to our needs;
- Look into state and federal grants for funding;
- Develop a plan to target 50 and 60 age group; and
- Determine strategic plan to build community support for future plans for ECOA.

Next meeting will be held on May 18, 2022 at 3:30 pm