

Edgartown Council On Aging Five-Year Planning Committee

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Minutes of February 23, 2022 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10 am by Marvene O'Rourke, Chair.

Members and guests attending: Marvene O'Rourke, Carolyn O'Daly, Dianne Durawa, Janice Belisle, Sarah Henderson, Nancy Ignacio, Lyndsay Famariss, and Rosemary Cunningham.

Call for volunteer to act as secretary answered by Carolyn O'Daly.

Member introduction by Chair.

Rosemary Cunningham, President of ECOA Board of Directors comments include she is pleased with the members of the committee and feels they all have something important to contribute.

Dianne Durawa gave a history of the building, how it was acquired and the development of the programs and services.

Lyndsay Famariss, Director, spoke about the state of the building. Maintenance has been poor. The building needs to be painted, with many areas falling to rot, requires a new roof, gutters, and is subject to frequent flooding. Space for programming and handicapped access are both limited.

Our task as a committee is to:

1. Define the issues the Anchors will face in the next 5 to 10 years including:

- limited program space
- limited accessibility for disabled
- continuing deterioration of the building, and
- plan for inevitable environmental changes

2. Estimate the financial impact addressing these issues will have on the Town and the taxpayers.

3. Develop recommendations based on our research and data for how the ECOA should move forward ranging from repair or remodeling the current facility to moving to a new location and develop a strategy to gain support in the community for these recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.

The next meeting will be held on March 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn O'Daly, Secretary

Committee members: Marvene O'Rourke, Chair, Carolyn O'Daly, Secretary, Janice Belisle, Dianne Durawa, Sarah Henderson, Nancy Ignacio, Lyndsay Famariss, Director.