

Edgartown Council On Aging Five-Year Planning Committee

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Minutes of March 30, 2022 Meeting

Present: Marvene O'Rourke, Chair; Carolyn O'Daly, Secretary; Dianne Durawa; Janice Belisle; Sarah Henderson; Nancy Ignacio; Barbara Phillips; and Lyndsay Famariss, ECOA Administrator.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of 2/23//2022 meeting were accepted as written.

Chairman's Report:

Chair spoke to the COA Board and explained the committee's function. They expressed an interest and offered to help. With the concurrence of the Board, Barbara Phillips, co-chair of the Friends was asked and has accepted an invitation to join the committee.

Discussion:

A review of the committee's objectives led to the following discussion:

1. The construction at the Kelly House is threatening to block the parking lot.
2. The increase of seniors in Edgartown has outgrown the space the Anchors can provide for programming and meals. The accessibility for both automobile traffic and disabled walkers is poor.
3. The building itself is in poor condition. The following is a partial list of repairs that need to be done:

New roof...\$25-30,000.

Exterior painting...\$45-50,000

Drainage gutters...\$25,000

In addition there is rot in the walls on the Daggett Street side of the building, some windows leak during storms, and there is mold in the

program room. The flooding in the basement is kept at bay with a sump pump.

ECOA Administrator's Report:

The Administrator noted that construction companies are not interested in ECOA jobs and construction supplies are often not readily available due to delays in the supply chain and other obstacles.

Lyndsay Famariss also spoke about the Island Climate Action Committee. Edgartown has been in the forefront fighting climate change but it has been proposed that all the Island towns act together to apply for state and federal grants to preserve threatened areas. They are interested in the COA's challenges and goals. James Haggerty, Town Administrator, would like to be kept informed of the committee's work. He has expressed a desire to help keep the Anchors functioning. He is under the impression that those who use the facility would not like to see it moved. However, the committee agreed more and more seniors think it would be beneficial to have the COA at a more accessible area with parking and a building which would be easier for the elderly to use and provide more space for programming.

Members of the committee plan to make an appointment to meet with Town Administrator, James Haggerty on April 25, 2022.

The next meeting of the committee will be by Tuesday April 26, 2022 at 3 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 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; Barbara Phillips; Lyndsay Famariss, ECOA Director.