

## **ECOA Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 19, 2023**

**8:30 am**

**Present:** Rosemary Cunningham (RC), Marvene O'Rourke (MO), Jay Sigler (JS), Nancy Ignacio (NI), Janice Belisle (JB), Sue Carroll (SC) Administrator Lyndsay Famariss (LF)

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rosemary Cunningham at 8:30 am. At this time, it was decided that as of September, Meris and Victoria will be submitting written reports to the Board meeting instead of appearing personally at the meetings. If something comes up that necessitates their appearance at a meeting, they will attend in person.

### **Approval of the minutes:**

MO made a motion to approve the minutes, NI seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Budget:**

The Board was asked to approve a check for \$141.00 from Stop and Shop Open Cupboard for the ECOA Special Account. JS made a motion to accept this check for deposit into the ECOA Special Account. This motion was seconded by MO. The motion passed unanimously. LF said she had to request approximately six hundred dollars as a Line Item Transfer from the Town above the \$40,000 in the warrant article to cover the expenses for the ECOA exterior painting project. There were no questions from the board.

### **Administrators Report:**

It is time for the Tuesday and Friday lunches to take a price increase: on Tuesdays, the price will go from \$3 to \$5, and the Friday lunches will increase from \$5 to \$7. LF noted that communications from the Kelley House have decreased, causing challenges; The weekly updates from the construction manager have ceased and they are no longer notifying her of the upcoming construction schedule.

### **Five-Year Committee Report:**

The committee met on May 16 in person at the Anchors. MO presented the 'blue paper' that contains needed information to give to those who may have questions about

the need to move to a new facility. The next Five Year Committee meeting will be in September.

MO wished to note that the Kelley House situation is extremely stressful for LF and the Anchors staff as well as very intimidating for our participants. The committee wanted to address this to the Board. After discussion it was decided that members of the Board need to contact the Town to express our concern and support; affirming that the Town is supporting the Anchors, and is keeping LF informed of the construction schedules. The Board agreed that RC and MO will contact Town Administrator James Hagerty.

**Director of Senior Services Report:**

Meris Keating reported that there have been 80 new participants coming to the Anchors since January.

On June 20 there will be a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ.

The new website is working very well.

**Outreach Report:**

Victoria Haeselbarth reported that the new Protective Services caseworker in Dennis is being extremely helpful and there have been three protective services reports this month. She feels very positive about this case worker doing more for Island cases.

**Friends of ECOA Report:**

Janice Belisle reported that members of the Board and the Friends of the ECOA will meet June 20, at 2 PM at the Anchors.

**New Business:**

June 11, Harm Reduction specialist Kelly McCarron of Health

Imperatives will give a class in Narcan administration to staff and

lunch participants.

RC adjourned the meeting at 9:59 am.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 23, 2023 at 8:30 am.