

## **ECOA Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 21, 2023**

**8:30 am**

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

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rosemary Cunningham at 8:30 am. RC reminded the board to send her the evaluation forms by the first week in May.

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

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

### **Budget:**

LF reported that some line items have cost more due to inflation but the budget is in good shape. There were no questions from the board.

### **Administrators Report:**

LF reported that out of a pool of ten applicants, a new cook had been hired: Chris McMahon. Sit down meals will resume May 2.

Exterior painting update: exterior ramps were power washed. It has been an extremely negative experience with Scholastic Painting. None of the gutters have been replaced. Some of the rotted wood has been replaced, but much has not.

Kelley House: the parking is still a serious issue for participants as well as staff. LF is very concerned about the parking situation and the access of emergency vehicles to the Anchors in case of fire, etc. and the ability of participants and staff to evacuate the building as the existing plan is from 1980.

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

The committee met on April 12. Anne Tyra was attending as a guest. The committee discussed the results of the March 24th meeting between James Hagerty, Marvene, Cindy Trish, and Lyndsay. James gave very specific information on a new timeline for the new facility based on the Town's calendar.

A possible pathway could look like this: in December 2023, a warrant article will be submitted for a feasibility study. This warrant will be voted on by the town in April

2024.

In December 2024, will be a warrant article submitted for the cost of the new building. This warrant will be voted on by the town in April 2025. Focus groups will wait until fall 2023. Some site visits to other COAs may be scheduled for May and June 2023, with more in the fall.

The Board discussed having a meeting between the Board and the Friends of the Anchors.

**Director of Senior Services Report:**

Meris reported that the VTA program is up and running. A drumming program is scheduled in Chilmark. Wellness consults are continuing. May trip is to the Harvard Museum.

(MO has left the meeting)

**Outreach Report:**

Victoria reported on new referrals to Healthy Aging MV Home Safety Modification program. Of 50 projects done, 40 are through the Edgartown COA.

**Friends of ECOA Report:**

There was no new business.

**New Business:**

There was no new business. RC concluded the meeting by recognizing all the contributions and encouragement of Jay Sigler. The board wished to thank him greatly for all he has done to make the Anchors a better place.

RC adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023 at 8:30 am.