

**ECOA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 15, 2024**  
**8:30 am**

**Present:** Marvene O'Rourke (MO), Nancy Ignacio (NI), John Dropick (JD), Janice Belisle (JB), Lisa Sherman (LS) Administrator Lyndsay Famariss (LF)

The meeting was called to order by Board Co-Chair Marvene O'Rourke at 8:32 am, as she thanked Rosemary Cunningham for all her hard work and dedication to the Anchors.

**Approval of the minutes:**

The minutes were unanimously approved. The April meeting was moved to the 26th.

The Board Voted unanimously to accept a check from Stop and Shop's Bloomin' for Good program. The check was for \$107.

**Budget:** JD asked about the budget, which LF explained is for fiscal year 2025, beginning July 1 and about a firm for the feasibility study. That will go out to bid from the Town.

MO addressed the fact that we are missing two seats on the board and it is time to elect a new chair and co-chair. The nomination committee will talk with the few members about interest in roles for the upcoming year. JD nominated MO to hold the Chair position until elections in April. The vote was unanimous in support of Marvene.

**Administrators Report:**

LF asked the Board to give consideration to how we can thank Rosemary Cunningham. She addressed the gutter issue. The Historic District Commission has instructed the ECOA to use fiberglass gutters instead of replacing the wood gutters. These however are very expensive and cost more than estimated. Stutler Construction has pointed out that the fascia boards are rotted also. The front door needs replacing and it must be an historically accurate replacement; therefore, it will need to be custom made. Julia Tarka, chair of the Historic District Committee gave LF some potential funding sources to check into about that.

Also, the Town Climate Committee asked to meet with LF, and seemed to be very supportive of the move to a new building.

The basement electrical work is done. The Faraway has a new management team, and had promised a meeting which hasn't happened yet.

**Five Year Committee Report:**

MO reported that the committee met on 3/13/24. They were looking at options for a handout concerning the need for the feasibility study to be distributed at the Town Meeting on April 9. The next meeting will be on April 24.

**The Senior Services Report and the Outreach Report** were submitted to the Board with the budget and minutes of the last meeting.

**Friends of ECOA Report:**

Janice reported that the Friends would like to meet with members of the Board, perhaps in April. The Friends were paying some small bills that were submitted by Meris. There was no other news.

**New Business:** There was no new business.