

EDGARTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2015
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Glenn Carpenter. Also present were Board members Olga Church, Jay Sigler, Kevin Ryan and Administrator Paul Mohair. Chris White had advised she would be unable to attend.

Minutes Copies of proposed minutes from the March 19, 2015, meeting were distributed and read. Upon motion by Olga, seconded by Kevin, the minutes as proposed were adopted unanimously.

Budget Paul distributed copies of the budget report with expenses as of April 14, 2015, and as reported by the town accountant in the town bookkeeping system, MUNIS. Paul said there were no extraordinary expenses. Paul pointed out we are about 80% through our fiscal year and about 75% of budget expended. We anticipate staying within our operating budget. There was discussion. Glenn asked about attendance at lunch. Kevin suggested distributing coupons or handouts advertising our lunches. There was discussion about the lunch program.

Town Meeting Recap Paul mentioned that all Anchors' articles passed at the town meeting the night before, including air conditioning, MySeniorCenter computer system, and the First Stop Information and Referral service. Also passed, was the article amending the town classification and salary plan, deleting the Department Assistant II Grade 3 COA cook position, adding Department Assistant III Grade 4 cook position., which essentially gives our cook, Diane, a promotion on July 1st. There was discussion about the votes and meeting in general. Olga commented that once the C4L vacates, we will need more staff to manage the increased resources, space, events, and programs. There was general agreement. Paul said he thought our annual state formula grant would be a good source to fund a part-time assistant for outreach and program planning. If successful, we could then go to the town for a permanent position. There was discussion.

Director of Senior Services Report Wendy then came to the meeting. She distributed April's newsletter to board members. Wendy mentioned some upcoming events and programming, including a phone tree group, memory loss presentation; reverse mortgage informational program, iPad and iPhone workshop, a one-man theatrical production piece, and our annual

North End trip in May. Wendy also reported on some new volunteers, including a woman and her nine-year-old daughter. Wendy described our recent trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and a few more programs and workshops that had taken place. Wendy then left the meeting.

Friends of ECOA Report No one from the Friends was present. There was brief discussion about the Friends' funding of various events and our exercise programs.

Outreach Report Victoria entered the meeting. Kevin suggested, and there was discussion about printing up invitations or coupons for our lunches and distributing them this summer and at the July Fourth parade. There was brief discussion about votes at last night's town meetings. Victoria described some of her recent outreach, including fuel assistance applications, work with Vineyard Health Care Access, and two new outreach referrals from the VNA social worker. Her Memory Loss support group has two new members from Edgartown, whom were referred by the VNA. There was discussion. Victoria and the Board also discussed hoarding, its causes, and possible solutions. Victoria was asked about bringing the old Gatekeepers program back which encourages local businesses and merchants to be vigilant for frail seniors and alerting COAs to possible need for assistance and support. The program will probably be managed/taken over by the Healthy Aging Task Force. There was general agreement the Gatekeepers should change its name; and that it should be run by an island-wide organization, either the county, Healthy Aging Task Force, or similar group.

Administrative Report Paul's administrative report was contained and presented in the budget and town meeting recap agenda items.

MV Center for Living No one from the C4L was present.

New Business There was no new business.

Upon motion by Olga, seconded by Kevin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 am.

The next meeting will be May 28, 2015.