

**EDGARTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**September 25, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Glenn Carpenter. Also present were Board members Jay Sigler and Kevin Ryan, and Administrator Paul Mohair.

**Minutes** Copies of proposed minutes from the June 19, 2014, meeting were distributed and read. Upon motion by Glenn, seconded by Kevin, the minutes as proposed were adopted unanimously.

**New Board Member** The Board welcomed new Board Member Jay Sigler, who replaces Nancy Shemeth.

**Budget** Paul distributed copies of the budget report with expenses as of September 16, 2014, and as reported by the town accountant and town bookkeeping system, MUNIS. Paul said there were no extraordinary expenses. Paul said the annual State Councils on Aging Conference is next week in Falmouth and that most of the \$1,600 training line item will be used on that event for the attendance of Victoria and Wendy. There was discussion on a few items. Paul also advised of proposals he is getting for additional wall unit air conditioning, which he anticipates will appear as an article on the town warrant next April.

**Program and Volunteer Report** Wendy then came to the meeting. Glenn asked about the email announcement terminating the to-go lunches. Paul gave a short history of the to-go lunches, explaining that they were originally for home-bound seniors, but then morphed into a take-out lunch service which simply got out of hand and no longer sustainable. Jay agreed, stating that he thought to-go's were self-defeating, and did not help bring seniors into the Anchors, which is one of the goals of the lunch program. Paul said the home-bound and outreach clients we know that cannot make it to the Anchors will continue to receive a delivered lunch on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Wendy distributed copies of the new October newsletter to the Board members. She mentioned a number of future events and activities, including a tour of Cape Pogue and the light house, a "How to Remember Not to Forget" presentation and training; and "Matter of Balance" classes which teach how to avoid falls, start in October, and will run once a week for eight weeks. She also described her trip yesterday, on which she took a group of seniors to Wegmans and the Northborough Senior Center fashion show. A wonderful time was had by all.

Wendy advised the Board our volunteers' appreciation luncheon will be on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Written invitations will be mailed out soon.

She also reported there was a little over \$3,000 in our Special Account and that the Island Rotary Club had donated \$1,000 to it this summer.

In response to Kevin's questions, Paul said he is a Notary, there is no fee, and there are no limitations as to what he can notarize. He prefers that people call ahead before coming in for any notary services.

Wendy said Tai Chi taught by Nan Doty classes are starting in October; that she already has a few people signed up.

Wendy then left the meeting.

**Friends of ECOA Report** There was no one from the Friends present. Paul said he believed the Friends continue to look for new members and have not yet elected a new president.

**Administrator's Report** Paul advised our cook's proposed job description and change in pay grade (from grade 3, to grade 4) has been approved by the State and the Town Personnel Committee. Presently it means about a \$1.60 per hour pay increase. Paul said it will not go into effect until next July after it is voted upon at the Town meeting in April. There were many compliments by everyone about our present cook, Diane.

Paul said the derby fish distribution program was going extremely well. Each Wednesday for six weeks during the derby volunteers help deliver, bag, and distribute bass, blue and bonito to about 35 seniors who come to the Anchors. We also deliver some of the fish to those who are home bound. Glenn said he mentions the fish distribution program on his bus tours. A donation basket for the distribution was suggested to give fish people an opportunity to contribute. Kevin discussed briefly the donations and operations at the Martha's Vineyard Boys and Girls Club Second Hand Store.

Paul mentioned Carl Watt has returned as our SHINE counselor, consulting with seniors individually about their health insurance questions and needs.

Paul said the Anchors, events, and programs are all going well and the staff is working as an effective team with no problems or conflict.

**Kelley House Proposed Expansion** Paul said he had spoken about our parking over the summer with Robin Kirk, CEO of the outfit that owns and operates the Harborview/Kelley House. Robin said they planned to expand and rearrange the parking area which would affect Anchors parking, and perhaps not in a good way. Paul advised Robin the present arrangement, which includes Anchors use of Kelley House parking spaces, was agreed upon forty years ago when the town acquired the Anchors. Robin recently called Paul to advise any plans concerning the lot had been put on hold indefinitely, and that he would let Paul know when that changed.

**MV Center for Living** No one from the MVC4L was present. Paul said the proposal to purchase the VNA building is still possible and that Martina continues to negotiate with the bank. Paul said he was told that whatever legislation was necessary for the sale and financing was passed by the State legislature. There was discussion regarding the ways we will increase the use of the Anchors once the C4L has its own facility.

**Outreach Report** Victoria then came to the meeting. She complimented Kevin for his production of “Peter Pan” he recently staged at the island performing art center. Everyone agreed it was entertaining and well done.

Victoria said she was unusually busy this summer, particularly with walk-ins, the adult children of elderly parents needing referrals, support, and services. She related some of the outreach she was doing, including her Memory Loss Group which is now meeting at Featherstone.

Featherstone is providing a free meeting place, refreshments, art supplies, and instruction. The group has increased to twenty people, who now comprise two groups that meet at different times. There was discussion.

Victoria said our senior meals program is going well. Terry Martinson, the interim minister at the Federated Church has been delivering meals for us. Victoria explained to Jay that a number of Edgartown restaurants are donating meals for delivery to homebound Edgartown seniors. Kevin suggested contacting Peter at the new restaurant Isola to request that they participate also. The Board complimented Victoria on her performance and she left the meeting.

**New Business** Paul suggested scheduling the next meeting for October 23<sup>rd</sup>, in 4 weeks. There was no objection. Upon motion by Kevin, seconded by Jay, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:40 am.