

**GROVELAND COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES April 20, 2022**

**ATTENDING:** Kathryn Alesse, Dot DiChiara, Irene Thomas, Marie Waller, Anita Wright,  
COA Director Amanda Fisher.

**PUBLIC GUESTS:** Larry MacEliney, Laurel Puchalski

**CALL TO ORDER:** Motion made by I. Thomas, seconded by D. DiChiara at 9:35 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

- Motion made by M. Waller, seconded by D. DiChiara to approve minutes of March 16, 2022 meeting with one edit submitted by Amanda Fisher. Unanimously accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Dot DiChiara reported the most up-to-date accounts.
- Motion to accept report made by A. Wright, seconded by I. Thomas. Unanimously accepted.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- The tent is up and ready for classes and events.
- Covid-19 test kits will be given out on COA Senior Day, May 19, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. by Outreach Worker Maria Yugal. Sign-up is required in order to pick up a test kit, one per household member over the age of sixty. Fire Chief Valentine will have Files for Life available on that day.
- Research continues to find a cost-effective plan to acquire a storage shed for COA medical equipment and furniture. Amanda is exploring grant possibilities to help.
- The Board of Selectmen voted to remove the income guidelines for the Senior Tax Work-Off Program, effective immediately.
- Staff changes: When CORI is approved, Maureen Lee-Locke, who was approved by the BOS, will start van driver training with Frank Sapienti. Indeed, the town website, and other job listing organizations are posting the part-time van driver position, following the resignation of Ken Dusombre.
- Office changes are scheduled for June. COA will move into the current assessor's office. Maria will move into the current office of the Director (Amanda) and Program/Transportation (Nisha) which will have adequate space for COA office supplies and an expanded food pantry with more shelving and a fridge. This will allow for more food donations from Our Neighbors' Table. At this time, Veteran Service will be in Maria's office once a month on a day that she does not work.
- Activities update:
  - COA Senior Day, May 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with displays and activities indoors and outdoors
  - Get Movin' with Leah Miller returns to Central Meeting Room in May
  - Walking Club returns May 3
  - Watercolor class with Peggy starts again in May
  - Movie Tuesdays will be held in May and June on a trial basis

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Larry MacEliney and Laurel Puchalski introduced themselves and indicated their possible interest in serving on the COA Board in the future. They will communicate their decisions to Chairman Alesse.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 18, 2022 at 9:30 in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

**ADJOURNED:** Motion made by D. DiChiara and seconded by A. Wright to adjourn at 10:39 a.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:** Irene Thomas, Secretary

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