

**GROVELAND COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES March 16, 2022**

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

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

**MINUTES:**

- Motion made by D. DiChiara, seconded by M. Waller to approve minutes of February 16, 2022 meeting. Unanimously accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Age Span has provided 200 Covid-19 test kits for Groveland Seniors which will be announced in the May/June Newsletter. The COA will allow one kit (2 tests in a kit) per household member over the age of sixty on a first come first serve basis.
- *The search for an onsite podiatrist continues and Haverhill no longer has one onsite either.*
- Whittier Tech students and teacher have visited a proposed site for a storage shed for the COA to hold medical equipment and furniture. Whittier would provide the labor, but COA is responsible for the cost of the materials, so COA is exploring resources to help cover the cost. One possibility is the Breakfast Exchange Club which provides funds to non-profits in the Greater Haverhill area.
- The tent is expected to be put up in April. To serve more purposes and programs, COA is exploring the cost of adding tent walls so additional classes, like painting with water colors, could be added in May or June.
- COA is collaborating with the Groveland Fire Chief to develop plans for the \$2,855 allocation for the Senior S.A.F.E. program.
- Activities update: the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch is scheduled for April 28. Newsletter Collating in person has resumed, and there will be one Monday movie in April, and a Social Hour.
- Older Americans Day returns on May 19.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Motion made by A. Wright and seconded by D. DiChiara: That the COA Board considers adopting a change in the number of members as allowed in the town bylaws. Unanimous vote.
- The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of amending the board membership from five to seven. Motion made by A. Wright and seconded by D. DiChiara: To have the COA Board increase membership from five to seven members as allowed in Sec. 2-143 of the Council on Aging Bylaws amended on April 24, 2006. Vote: four in favor and one opposed
- Also discussed for the second consecutive COA Board meeting were the term limits for serving as described in the policy for appointments to boards.
- A. Wright made a motion seconded by D. DiChiara: To amend the existing COA Board Bylaws to be consistent with the town bylaws Sept. 16, 2016 Town of Groveland Board of Selectmen Policy for Appointments to Boards and Committees which allow a person to serve a longer term. Vote: Unanimous

**NEXT MEETING:** April 20, 2022 at 9:30 in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

**ADJOURNED:** Motion made by D. DiChiara and seconded by A. Wright to adjourn at 11:25 a.m.

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

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