

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Date of Meeting: September 7th, 2023

Location of Meeting: 48 Marion Road, Room 320

Date of Transcription: September 19th, 2023

Transcribed by: Nicole Botelho

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIR

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am by Melissa Kauranen, Chair

2. ROLL CALL BY PRO TEM CHAIR

Board Members Present: Melissa Kauranen, Chair
 Janet Wilson
 Sharon Boyer
 Marie Riley
 Elaine Lemoine
 Sharon Frank
 Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre

Also Present: Nicole Botelho, Wareham COA Transcriber

Guest Attending: Bonnie McInnis
 Carolyn McLure
 Jim Munise

Not Present: Sharon Rice, Wareham COA Director

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE SICK AND DEPARTED

4. REVIEW AND VOTE ON MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Board Member Marie Riley Voted to approve the meeting minutes dated August 3, 2023. Elaine Lemoine seconded. Roll Call: Board Member Janet Wilson – yes, Board Member Sharon Boyer – yes, Board Member Sharon Frank – yes, Board Member Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre – yes, Board Member (Chair) Melissa Kauranen – yes.

VOTE: 7-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Board Member Sharon Frank Voted to approve the meeting minutes dated July 6, 2023. Marie Riley seconded. Roll Call: Board Member Janet Wilson – yes, Board Member Sharon Boyer – yes, Board Member Elaine Lemoine – yes, Board Member Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre – yes, Board Member (Chair) Melissa Kauranen – yes.

VOTE: 7-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Board Member Sharon Frank Voted to approve the meeting minutes dated June 1, 2023. Janet Wilson seconded. Roll Call: Board Member Marie Riley – yes, Board Member Sharon Boyer – yes, Board Member Elaine Lemoine – yes, Board Member Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre – yes, Board Member (Chair) Melissa Kauranen – yes.

VOTE: 7-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Board Member Marie Riley Voted to approve the meeting minutes dated May 4, 2023. Sharon Frank seconded. Roll Call: Board Member Janet Wilson – yes, Board Member Sharon Boyer – yes, Board Member Elaine Lemoine – yes, Board Member Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre – yes, Board Member (Chair) Melissa Kauranen – yes.

VOTE: 7-0-0 (Unanimous)

5. SOCIAL MEDIA

Board Members reviewed the Social Media Policy. No further comments at this time.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sharon Rice not in attendance for September 7, 2023 Board Meeting.

7. BOARD MEMBER UPDATE & VOTE

UPDATE

Board Member Marie Riley announces her resignation which has been submitted to Melissa Kauranen, Chair. Marie Riley's resignation is effective prior to October 1, 2023.

Jim Munise has been appointed to another Board and is not eligible to be a candidate for the Council on Aging Board.

VOTE

MOTION: Board Member Sharon Frank Voted to recommend William "Jim" Smyth (applied on March 2, 2023) to the Board of Select as a Full Time Voting Board Member of the Council on Aging. Janet Wilson seconded. Roll Call: Board Member Marie Riley – yes, Board Member Sharon Boyer – yes, Board Member Elaine Lemoine – yes, Board Member Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre – yes, Board Member (Chair) Melissa Kauranen – yes.

VOTE: 7-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Board Member Janet Wilson Voted to recommend Carolyn McLure (applied on May 4, 2023) to the Board of Select as a Full Time Voting Board Member of the Council on Aging. Elaine Lemoine seconded. Roll Call: Board Member Marie Riley – yes, Board Member Sharon Boyer – yes, Board Member Sharon Frank – yes, Board Member Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre – yes, Board Member (Chair) Melissa Kauranen – yes.

VOTE: 7-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Board Member Marie Riley Voted to recommend Judy Jinson-Riggle (applied on June 26, 2023) to the Board of Select as a Full Time Voting Board Member of the Council on Aging. Elaine Lemoine seconded. Roll Call: Board Member Janet Wilson – yes, Board Member Sharon Boyer – yes, Board Member Sharon Frank – yes, Board Member Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre – yes, Board Member (Chair) Melissa Kauranen – yes.

VOTE: 7-0-0 (Unanimous)

Melissa Kauranen, Chair to send recommendations to the Board of Selects.

MOTION/VOICE VOTE: Board Member Marie Riley Voted to not change the Council on Aging Board Member Seats from 9 Members. Janet Wilson seconded. Roll Call: Board Member Elaine Lemoine – yes, Board Member Sharon Boyer – yes, Board Member Sharon Frank – yes, Board Member Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre – yes, Board Member (Chair) Melissa Kauranen – yes.

VOTE: 7-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. FRIENDS OF WAREHAM COA

Carolyn McLure requested to table the conversation for 6 months regarding the Friend of Wareham COA due to her recently joining the Advocates for Seniors.

Marie Riley notes an increase in attendance of the Advocates for Seniors.

9. COA LOGO

Melissa Kauranen opens the discussion about the possibility of developing a new logo for the COA. Melissa Kauranen asks the Board Member what does the COA mean to each of them? What does the COA represent to the community? Melissa Kauranen requests ideas of a new logo to be presented at the next Board Meeting.

Some adjectives used to describe the COA by the Board Members; Strong, Supportive, Stable, Friendly and Welcoming.

10. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jim Munise questioned if Robert Scott created the current logo for the COA.

Jim Munise mentioned the Town Meeting by Laws; Division 1, Article 4, Section 10 – reflects the COA Board has 9 Member Spots.

Marie Riley expresses gratitude for her time with the Wareham COA.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Board Member Sharon Frank moved to adjourn the Council on Aging Board Meeting at 10:47am. Marie Riley seconded. Roll Call: Board Member Elaine Lemoine – yes, Board Member Sharon Boyer – yes, Board Member Janet Wilson – yes, Board Member Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre – yes, Board Member (Chair) Melissa Kauranen – yes.

VOTE: 7-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted
Nicole Botelho
Wareham COA Transcriber

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen on:

Attest: Elaine Lemoine
Elaine Lemoine, COA Clerk

Date Signed: 10-5-23