



Rehoboth Council on Aging

Board of Directors Meeting

@ Francis Hall Senior Center - 27 Francis Farm Road Rehoboth, MA


Minutes of January 12, 2022

- 1) **Call to order**---01:30 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Members Present**--- Neal Harrington, Dr. Robert Lambe, Dr. Bruce Thayer, Ron Whittemore, Charlene Cunha and Linda Sherman
Members Excused--- Sue Laverdiere and MaryBeth Moriarty
Guests Present--- Jim Muri (via phone)
- 4) **Review past months meeting minutes**---N/A
- 5) **Presentations**--- N/A
- 6) **Expense Reports**--- November 2021—Ron recommended G&B account funds to be used for needed replacement items due to the COA fire. Neal mentioned that items replaced should be from Fire Ins. money.
Director's Report---
[Essential services are still being provided-](#)
[Meals on Wheels still being delivered-](#)
[C.O.A. Welcome Back opening was a success](#)
[Metal drop box for Lions Club donated eye glasses at new COA](#)
[Metal drop box outside for COA and Social Services mail if Seniors can not come during business hours-](#) we previously had one at the old COA on Bay State Rd.
[We are now receiving our mail at 27 Francis Farm Rd.](#)
[A.A.R.P. tax prep will start on 02.04.22 with all necessary precautions-](#) appointments are currently being booked and will be done here on Friday mornings 8:30 am – 10:30 am at Francis Hall in the cafeteria area. There will only be 2 accountants this year.
[Please remember to take the Conflict of Interest training, if not already done-](#) must be done every 2 yrs. and sent to Laura at Town Hall.
- 7) **Old Business**--- Discuss ARPA funds-Dr. Lambe mentioned that Gerry just got the instruction booklet on how to apply for ARPA funds. Dr. Lambe hoping to get Covid Test kits on that request list to maybe distribute out to our Residents.
- 8) **New Business**--- [Discuss timeline for restarting activities](#)—the COA Board recommended to **start slowly**- walking club outside, Men's coffee (NO food), Tai Chi and Zumba classes. Ron recommended that the Recreation Committee should handle to details on the Walking Club activities. Jim Muri stated that activities that start should be posted on the Town Website calendar and the Rehoboth Reporter as soon as possible.
[Discuss how/when food service can safely begin-](#) Dr. Thayer stated that the kitchen is in very bad shape. Need to have the kitchen up and running and should be a top priority, should not be taking this long. Dr. Lambe asked Jim where things stood with the kitchen renovation. Jim thought everything was all set, just the dishwasher needed replacing. Dr. Lambe recommended that a kitchen professional come and evaluate what needs to be done and get things moving along. Ron and Dr. Thayer agreed with Dr. Lambe on this as well. The COA was told that Mike Costello was in charge of kitchen equipment and renovations, Jim stated that is not the case and that Linda is in charge. Fire Insurance money should be covering this but can use B.E.S.I. and/or G&B funds to order what is needed to get things moving along and should be reimbursed from Fire Insurance.
Dr. Lambe and Dr. Thayer both agreed that it is still too soon to serve food at the COA at this time due to Covid precautions.
[Discuss any other issues that have become apparent](#)— Jim Muri- water was tested 2 weeks ago and is currently being retested again for elevated iron levels. Will need to wait another 2 weeks to get the results in. We are currently waiting for a filter system.

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- 8) **New Business**-- Linda mentioned that we are currently waiting for the Gas safety valve installation.
- 9) **B.E.S.I. Report**--- N/A
- 10) **Friends of the Rehoboth Elderly Report**--- N/A
- 11) **Correspondence**— N/A
- 12) **C.O.A. Building usage**--- N/A
- 13) **Open Forum**--- Bridal Suite area to be converted over for clinical care and also for ambulatory care for privacy if someone needs medical assistance.
- 14) **Other Business Issues**—N/A
- 15) **Adjournment**--- 2:26 p.m.- Dr. Robert Lambe motioned to adjourn meeting- Ron W. 1st motioned; Neal H. 2nd motioned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Robens- Secretary

Approved by: 

Dr. Robert Lambe
C.O.A. Board President

Next COA Board Meeting- February 16, @ 1:30 p.m.