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**Rehoboth Council on Aging**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes of May 05, 2021 via ZOOM**

- 1) **Call to order**---7:04 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Members Present**--- Dr. Bruce Thayer, Ron Whittemore, Dr. Robert Lambe, Sue Laverdiere, Charlene Cunha and Linda Sherman  
**Members Excused**--- MaryBeth Moriarty and Neal Harrington  
**Guests Present**--- Jim Muri, Gerry Schwall and Kim Robens
- 4) **Review past months meeting minutes**---minutes for 01.13.21 slight correction noted and approved. Ron W. 1<sup>st</sup> and Dr. Thayer 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.
- 5) **Presentations**--- None
- 6) **Expense Reports**--- March budget accepted and approved. Ron W. 1<sup>st</sup> and Dr. Thayer 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.
- 7) **Director's Report**---  
New Office space- New Office Hub is working out perfectly.  
Meals on Wheels- Still continuing and running well.  
Non-medical masks- We have resumed making whenever possible.  
Tour of Francis Farm- was wonderful and we were grateful to take the tour.
- 8) **Old Business**---None
- 9) **New Business**--- Francis Farm- Sue Laverdiere stated that she was not able to take tour. Ron W. had heard no negative feedback from his end. Jim Muri asked if there were any questions or concerns for Gerry Schwall who helped negotiate the deal with Francis Farm and has knowledge of the 47+ acres of property. Charlene Cunha had concerns with the property because it is so large. How would it be maintained, would there be a caretaker for the property?  
Jim Muri stated that we already have a Facilities Mgr. who can do, or make arrangements for others to help. Not all of the property would be used for the C.O.A. Senior Center, just a part of it. The land in the back of the property could be used for Conservation Land. There is also a valuable water source in the back. The property is very versatile. Ron W. and Dr. Thayer stated that the C.O.A. Senior Center would only need a small part of the property. Jim Muri wanted to concentrate on having a location for the C.O.A. Senior Center, not the entire 47+ acres of land. Gerry Schwall stated the primary reason for Francis Farm is for an immediate suitable location for our Senior Center due to the loss of the previous Senior Center. We need the C.O.A. to be back up and running. This property is beneficial. This property will be discussed at the next Town Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> for approval by the Board of Selectman.  
Dr. Lambe was very impressed and pleased with what the Farm had to offer.  
Ron W. also liked the location and it checked all the boxes on the C.O.A. Senior Center wish list and endorsed Francis Farm as a good replacement for the C.O.A. location.  
Dr. Lambe noted that MaryBeth Moriarty agreed previously with Francis Farm being a good location for the new Senior Center.  
Dr. Lambe motioned to approve Francis Farm property for the new C.O.A. location. Ron Whittemore 1<sup>st</sup> and Dr. Thayer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All C.O.A. Board members agreed and voted unanimously.

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- 10) **B.E.S.I. Report---** None
- 11) **Friends of the Rehoboth Elderly Report---** None
- 12) **Correspondence---** None
- 13) **C.O.A. Building usage---** N/A
- 14) **Open Forum---** Jim Muri added that any questions or concerns could be emailed directly to him.  
Gerry Schwall wanted to focus mainly on the C.O.A. and getting it replaced quickly at the Town Meeting next week.  
There is a lot of potential for this property.  
Jim Muri stated that the Police and Fire Chiefs could attend the Town Meeting and help answer any questions or concerns that the community would have at the meeting next week.
- 15) **Other Business Issues---** None
- 16) **Adjournment---** 7:35pm- Dr. Robert Lambe motioned to adjourn meeting- Sue Laverdiere 1<sup>st</sup> motioned and Ron Whittemore 2<sup>nd</sup> motioned.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Kimberly Robens-Minutes Secretary*

Approved by:



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

*Next COA Board Meeting- To be announced at a later time*