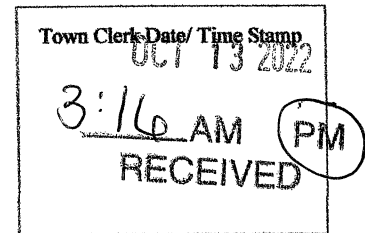




MINUTES

TOWN OF NORTON



Board / Committee: **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Meeting Date: September 8, 2022 Time: 3:42PM

Meeting Location: Norton Senior Center ,

Members & Staff Present: Ruth Schneider, Kathy Eno., Carol McLaughlin, Ellen Martins, Carol Kollett, Tom Golota, Judy Leroux

Secretary's Report – Motion made by Kathy, seconded by Carol; to accept the August minutes.. Unanimous vote to approve.

Treasurer's Report - Motion made by Pat, seconded by Carol to accept the report. Unanimous vote to accept.

Old Business: Ruth read a letter from the Selectboard to Judy Leroux appointing her as an Emeritus member of COA Board. They thanked her for her years of service to the Senior Center and the Town. Beth, Ruth and Kathy met with James, Town Accountant and an article will be drafted for Fall Town Meeting requesting that all donations and gifts designated for Senior Center be used for the Senior Center supplies and not go against the debt.

New Business: Tom Golota was welcomed to the Board and an alternate member.

Friends of the Norton Senior Center: The Friends are having a fund raiser at Goat City Pub October 3, and are asking Board members to donate liquor for the raffle.

Permanent Building Committee Update: The Building Committee has agreed to the things we feel are needed for the kitchen at the new Center. Plans are being prepared to go out to contractors. They hope to get bids back by November. There are several items for the kitchen that are considered "alternate items", which may need to be covered by donations.

Director's Report – The newsletter has gone out, and there are a lot of things going on in the next two months. She will be attending the MCOA Conference in October on the Cape. Medicare Open Enrollment will be starting soon, which will be a very busy time. She expects to have a large increase in fuel assistance this year. She has spoken to the Director of Senior Housing about going there a few times to do screenings. The grants received for the use of the VFW and the SNAP forms are extremely time intensive. Bob Briscoe raised the issue of more staff that will be needed at the new Center, and Beth agreed that we will definitely need more help. Bob suggested that we start keeping track of the hours staff and volunteers spend on various things so we can show the need for additional staff.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Patricia A. Zorbo

Minutes approved by the Board or Committee on: 9/8/22

Chairman Signature: Ruth Schneider