

KINGSTON COUNCIL ON AGING – ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

Chairman, Caty Starr called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman: Caty Starr, Vice Chairman, Donna Weinberg, Secretary, Joan Hutchison, Maureen Elwood, Mary Hayes, Mary Harriman, Kathy Studley.

Others Present: Marybeth Lawton – COA Director, Keith Hickey – Town Manager

Audience Present: 12 members of the “Friends of the COA”.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Thank you to PAC-TV

Secretary’s Report: A motion to accept the Secretary’s report was made by Maureen Elwood, and seconded by Kathy Studley, and approved by all.

Chairman’s Report: There is currently an open position on the Old Colony Elder Services Board of Directors, and for a person to deliver Meals on Wheels. Caty asked If anyone wanted to speak at **Open Forum**? No one responded.

No one attended the “**Office Hour**” with the Advisory Board prior to this meeting today. There will be no liason attending a Friends meeting until January.

Director’s Report: MaryBeth updated the group on the **Café**. The total meals for November was 377. A member from the **Police Department** will attend a Thursday lunch, once a month, to update the members on scams. Elaine Fiore thanked MaryBeth for the change in structure at the Thursday lunches. Signup sheets for Thursday’s main meal will start in January. The “Friends” Christmas Fair & Bake Sale was a success.

The **Christmas lunch** will start with the Pledge of Allegiance, & song. Santa will be in the Library for a gift swap. There will be an artist in the Card room drawing Characatures.

Pointsetta’s and candy bags on each table. The meal will start off with Egg Nog, Soup, Roast-Beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and cheesecake.

Bocce Court update: MaryBeth has ordered a portable set that can be used in the patio room. New Advisory Board **E-mail Address** is: COA-AB@kingstonma.gov. A motion was made for Caty Starr, Board Chairman to monitor it. by Joan Hutchison and seconded by Maureen Elwood, approved by all. There was no update on “**Accreditation**” but a brief discussion regarding a “**Compact Grant**” for **Age & Dementia Initiative**. It’s not just a COA initiative, but will help the Town for future planning. MaryBeth is looking into programs for younger seniors that could be held at the **Faunce Schoohouse** on Green Street. And, she is working on cleaning up the **database of seniors** who attend the center.

Social Service Update: The **Outreach** position job description has been changed. It will be more progressive. Cannot hire a person until July 1st.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Mary Hayes & Seconded by Joan Hutchison, all agreed.

Next meeting: January 9th at 11:30am at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Hutchison
