

Board of Directors Meeting - April 10, 2025

Present: David Collins, Mary Mosley, Janice Wright (Ashfield); Ellen Eller, Janice Fleuriel, Joanne Soroka (Buckland); Suzanne E. Bishop, Nancy Brewer, Sylvia Smith, Penny Spearance (Shelburne); Director Juli Moreno. Absent: Wayne Wickland.

Chair Janice Wright called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Janice Fleuriel moved to accept the March 13 minutes with corrections. Joanne Soroka seconded the motion, which passed with two abstentions.

Treasurer Suzanne E. Bishop reported all expenses are on target; we are still waiting for \$10,000 in grants. The Masons are increasing our rent \$6,000 over the next 5 years.

In her Director's report, an addendum to these minutes, Juli Moreno discussed anticipated losses of federal funding that will affect the Caregiver Support Group (which we can run for free), SHINE, and fuel assistance. At the end of April she will meet with FRTA, which may end demand-response transportation. They are asking us to use smaller vans for med-rides.

Sylvia Smith reported that the Board of Managers (BOM) now has contracts with Vadar software and CBIZ accounting. Bob Dean is working to find a Treasurer for the Board. They hope to have an insurance policy by May 1.

Janice Wright reported that the "subcommittee" connecting with the Senior Center Foundation (SCF) met at the end of March. The SCF will come to our meeting for a social hour from 2-3:00 on May 8 so we can discuss what both boards want to do, what we might need in the coming year, and perhaps to establish quarterly meetings.

Janice Wright reported that the Ashfield COA hosted a lunch at Elmers with a speaker; 17 people attended. They will have their regular picnic at Ashfield Lake and plan to have Dave Hayes, the Weather Guy, speak at another event.

Janice Fleuriel reported that the Buckland COA had a brainstorming meeting on March 20 attended by 15-20 people, and they will try to have quarterly events with food. Planned so far: catered food and music at the Recreation Area pavilion on June 5 and a similar end of summer event on Sept. 4. On June 8 we will co-sponsor an Open Mic afternoon for town residents of all ages.

Penny Spearance reported that the Shelburne COA will meet after Town Meeting.

COAs The Senior Center will have an ice-cream social in July the summer.

In her SCF report Nancy Brewer said the Foundation's appeal earned \$18,523 and has a balance of \$291,412.13. They are planning an auction of "big things" such as dinner or tickets to sporting events in April 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57. Next meeting: Thursday, May 8, at 3:00, after a social gathering with the SCF from 2-3 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
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