

East Bridgewater Council on Aging

~~October 15, 2019~~
September

Call to Order: 6:02 PM

Present: R. DiFazio, Chairman, N. Hill, Director, P. Andrade, A. Merek, R. Saccocia, R. Ringuette, D. Rogers, M. Haines, H. Bomar, S. Muir, Secretary, D. Sheedy, Selectman

Minutes of June 28, 2109: A motion to accept the minutes (with spelling correction to "addition") was made by R. Saccocia, seconded by M. Haines and approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ringuette reported that the current balance of the EBCOA Sunshine Fund is \$174.55. S. Muir made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by R. Saccocia and approved by members.

Director's Report: N. Hill reported that the COA has been very busy throughout the summer and is looking forward to many new activities. The Annual BBQ will be held on Sept. 5 and an exercise program will begin on Monday, Sept. 9. A luncheon featuring a discussion of fall prevention will be held on Sept. 26 and The Improbable Players will entertain on Sept. 30. The EBCOA FY19 Annual Report has been filed with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

The EB Business Association will host the "Business Expo and Family Fun Day" on September 14, N. Hill will need assistance setting up the tables.

Two new security cameras have been installed in the hall, providing coverage to the front and back halls.

K. Long is preparing for Open Enrollment which begins on October 15.

Meals on Wheels Policy Addition: If a client asks a volunteer to provide personal or housekeeping assistance, the volunteer is to refuse and tell the client that the volunteers are not allowed to provide assistance and give the client a card that has information from OCES and COA. S. Muir made a motion to accept the addition to the Meals on Wheels Policy, seconded by H. Bomar and approved by the members.

N. Hill reported an incident that occurred during the COA trip to the Plain Ridge Casino when a guest fell inside the Casino. The medic who assisted the guest called N. Hill to inform her of the accident. The guest was transported to Sturdy Memorial Hospital, evaluated and released. N. Hill spoke with the family of the guest and they were pleased with the way this event was handled.

Department Heads have been invited to a "tasting picnic" at EBHS cafeteria.

N. Hill will meet with Debbie Vaughn, Cafeteria Manager, to discuss the possibility of a luncheon to be provided at the COA with the assistance of the cafeteria staff.

A motion to accept the Director's report was made by R. Saccocia, seconded by D. Rogers and approved by members.

Selectman Sheedy announced that Brian Noble has been appointed as the new Town Administrator. Mr. Noble will begin on September 9 and will meet with department heads to discuss long range plans.

Mr. Sheedy also announced that Chris Buckley will be the new Veterans' Agent serving over seven hundred veterans in East Bridgewater. Mr. Buckley will speak at the library in September.

Chairman's Report: R. DiFazio extended a reminder and invitation to the Council to attend the September 11 Memorial Service. Bob and his family have graciously provided a new flag pole and flag to the memorial site near the Town Hall.

B. Difazio shared his aspirations for acknowledging the hard work and sacrifices provided by the wives of veterans, their dedication deserves recognition. The COA needs an Associate Member.

A motion to accept the Chairman's Report was made by R. Ringuette, seconded by R. Saccocia and approved by the members.

A question was brought up regarding the posting of signs for events taking place at the Center at Sachem Rock. Selectman Sheedy explained that signs may be posted and the BOS cannot resist them.

Motion to adjourn: 7:10 PM

Next Meeting: October 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Muir, Secretary