

East Bridgewater Council on Aging  
Minutes of March 10, 2020

Call to Order: 6:10 PM

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes were corrected to state that Director Hill presented The Report of the Council on Aging to the Finance Committee and not the Board of Selectmen. A motion was made by H. Bomar, seconded by A. Merek and approved by members.

Treasurer's Report: R. Ringuette, Treasurer, reported that the balance of the EBCOA Sunshine Fund is \$230.60. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by H. Bomar, seconded by S. Muir and approved by the members.

Director's Report: Director Hill reported that sixty-two guests enjoyed the Valentine luncheon and a new support group, "A Time Out for Caregivers" is beginning. Dick Caldwell has volunteered to prepare a free Men's Breakfast.

K. Long has been very busy with SHINE meetings and Meals on Wheels. A motion to accept the Director's Report was made A. Merek, second by M. Haines and approved by the members.

Newsletter Volunteer Policy: So that monthly newsletters are recieved by residents at approximately the same time, they are directly mailed to residents, one to two days later, they are emailed and one to two days later, they are hand delivered to Housing for the Elderly, Town Hall, Library, etc. Volunteers are informed of this policy but the Council discussed the problem that a volunteer had taken some Newsletters out of the building and distributed them privately. The Council will look over the policy and discuss it next month.

COA Alternate Signatory: A motion was made to name R. Ringuette as signatory and A. Merek as alternate signatory. The motion was made by S. Muir, seconded by P. Andrade and approved by the members.

Director Hill has been informed that the Center at Sachem Rock will receive two electric charging stations, one regular and one designated for handicapped.

Director Hill met with Fin Com liaison who wants to know about the Grants received by the EBCOA and how that money could be replaced should the grants be discontinued. N. Hill reported that the Howard Fund Grant has been reduced by \$5,000 and she is looking for ways to prevent the need to increase charges for events.

The COA will be providing assistance for anyone needing help to complete the 2020 US Census.

Motion to Adjourn: 7:28 PM

Next meeting: April 7, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Muir, Secretary