

**MILTON COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**10 Walnut Street, Milton, MA**  
**Monday, June 12, 2023**  
**MEETING NOTES**

In attendance: Board Chair Loraine Sumner, Director Christine Stanton, Doreen Harris, Roberta Leary, Jeanne Leslie, Marshall Levy, Marjorie Mahoney, Mary Anne Merrigan, Janet Mullen, Denise Rochlin, Maryellen Sullivan and Marie Zinkas. Caroline Kinsella and Sara Troug were excused absences.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Loraine Sumner.

**Public Comments:** Maureen Conlon, Milton Boot Camp, addressed the Board to promote the upcoming 6th Annual Fit for Life Walk which will take place on Saturday, September 30, at the Milton Council on Aging. Proceeds will benefit the COA programs and activities. There will be a raffle, prizes and volunteers are needed.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Janet Mullen was acting secretary in Roberta Leary's absence.

**Treasurer's Report.** May report: Gift Account \$101,15.75. Van Account \$156,563.02.

Motion made and seconded to accept the May Treasurer's report.

**Director's Report:** Christine Stanton reported that 32 new members joined the COA in May. The Center is in need of a new car and the Town stated the car has to be an electric or a hybrid model. Presently, the Town has loaned the Center a car without charge. People in need of a ride have to make a reservation two to three weeks in advance. Many van drivers are on vacation in July so rides have to be scaled back. Katie and David attended a Dementia workshop. The library will have a workshop on Dementia in the Fall so Town departments will be knowledgeable on how to interact with people who have dementia. Intro to cornball will take place on June 27.

Events/Programs for July and August include:

July 14th: BBQ with Staff from the Milton Police Department hosting this event.

July 17th: Day trip to Castle Island.

July 19th: Grab your Passport France: Bastille Day celebration sponsored by Standish Village.

July 26th Birds, Butterflies and Bees.

August 4th: Matt York: Songs and Stories of Johnny Cash.

August 23rd: Bob Halloran; retired local television sports reporter.

The Block Island trip was sold out. The Newport play was canceled.  
Due to staffing issues, Fuller Village cannot accommodate outsiders in their pool.

**Friends Report:** The Bling fundraiser made a profit of over \$8,000.00. The Friends board is looking for 2 new board members and a new secretary. The friends are very pleased with their new Treasurer.

**SSES:** Mary Anne Merrigan attended the SSES Board and Advisory Joint Training Meeting. The Corporate Strategic Plan was presented including SSES's Value Statement and future goals. Attendees received a copy of the Legislative Report.

**Quality Report:** Board Chair Loraine Sumner spoke on all the new members joining the COA from out of town. Questions were raised as to whether the new members are paying dues. Many do not pay the suggested dues and payment is voluntary. A motion was made to make dues mandatory for new members: \$15.00 for Milton residents and \$20.00 for out of town members. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was tabled in order to give Christine time to investigate whether or not the COA can charge dues.

**Old Business:** The Nominating Committee will meet July 26th. A motion was made and seconded to extend current board members term on the Board.

**New Business:** Discussion regarding the space used by the Veteran's representative was held.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM

Respectfully submitted  
Roberta Leary, Board Secretary