

**Barnstable Council on Aging**

825 Falmouth Rd  
Hyannis, MA 02601

**Monthly Meeting – November 17, 2021  
@ 9:00 AM**

Present: John Jope; B. Lori Case; Anna Valsakis; Jean Ahonen; Priscilla Laliberty; Josephine Melpignano; Cindy Loring.

Also present: Donna Burns, BCOA Director; Tracy Shaughnessy; Town Council Liaison. Public Forum: John Alden and Carolyn Opdyke.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM and a quorum was met. Minutes from the October meeting were approved as written.

**Chairman:**

- 1 alternate spot and 1 associate spot vacant on the board.
- As we move forward with so many new members I look at this as a “learning year”.
- Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary Positions will be open next year.

**Director’s Report:**

- Thanksgiving is a week away; we are busy getting ready for Turkey Trot. The meal will be provided by The Casual Gourmet sponsored by the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging.
- One hundred and thirty five older adults will be receiving a meal. Turkey Trot is a great opportunity to help out the older adult community.
- Through our Holiday Gift Bag program we will be reaching out to spread cheer to older adults this holiday season to those who would be spending the holiday alone.
- SHINE (Service Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) open enrollment closes on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.
- BN2N (Barnstable Neighbor to Neighbor) is in need of more volunteers. It is a great program run by a great group of volunteers. For a reasonable fee, many services are offered.

**Committee Report**

- Executive Comm. – Nothing to report
- Building and Grounds – Report attached
- Outreach– Nothing to report.
- Activities – Nothing to report
- Programs: Nothing to report
- Ombudsman – Nothing to report
- FBCOA Liaison – Nothing to report

**FBCOA: Update from Kathy Strudwick, President**

- No Update

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Next meeting: December 15, 2021