

# Minutes of BCOA Meeting

## May 15, 2024

The BCOA meeting was called to order by John Jope at 9:00 a.m. The board members present were:

John Jope, Jan Kraemer, Kathy Turnbull, Kathy Strudwick, Ellen Queeney, Elizabeth Beer, Tom Coyle, Maureen Hughes, and Ella Rollins .

Guests were Kelly Howley, Daniel Rollins and Larry Morin

John opened the meeting and briefly discussed the subject of how the COA is portrayed in the community. He asked for input on how we can show more of a presence at the Senior Center. One way is to attend more of the functions at the center so people are more aware of us and what we do for the community.

John also stated we should approach the Town Council on changing the status of Maureen Hughes from Non-voting member to voting member, and place Elizabeth Beer to Non-voting member status. Kathy Turnbull made a motion to do this, and it was seconded by Ellen Queeney and approved by the board. John will follow up by contacting Cynthia Lovell at Town Council with this request.

Kelly Howell gave an update on the upcoming activities planned for the center. She said the Solo Aging project focuses more on the single aged community. Kelly also stated the DPW would be presenting a program on the Water/Sewer project in the hopes it would keep the community updated and informed of what the process is. There was also a program on SCAM services and it was very informative. There were over sixty attendees at this program. Kelly also said there will be more field trips planned by the center in the coming months.

John mentioned that name tags for the BCOA members could be very beneficial when we attend activities at the center. Kelly offered to make up the name tags for our board. John will provide her with the list of names and she will have the tags made.

There was some discussion regarding the property around the back of the building with regards to walking paths etc. Kelly stated that the property is built on school grounds, and therefore only the town can make a decision on how the property is utilized. She will investigate further to see if there is any interest in this project.

John also asked board members to review short and long term goals as discussed, and bring our input to the next meeting.

Tom Coyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Kathy Turnbull. It was unanimously approved by the boards, and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Kraemer/Secretary

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