

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging
September 12, 2023 – 5:30PM – Northborough Senior Center**

As the hub for all aspects of healthy aging, the mission of the Northborough Council on Aging/Senior Center is to enrich and enhance the lives of older adults.

Call to Order: A meeting of the Council on Aging of the Town of Northborough was called to order at 5:30 PM by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present:

Alli DellaRovere Member	Fran Bakstran, Member
Jerry Anderson, Member	Ron Doucett, Friends
Paula Moore, Member	Henry Squillante, Friends
Theresa Lee, Member	Kendra Faldetta, Director
Virginia Simms George, Member	Mitch Cohen, Chair, Select Board
Elizabeth Nasser, Member	

The following COA members were not present: Linda Cragin, Secretary; Joan Frank, School Committee rep.

1. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the August 2023 meeting were approved.

2. Friends Report:

Ron provided the Friend's report. Applefest street fair was successful for the Friends including selling memberships and promoting the Senior Center. The Friends sold 30 pairs of earrings made by Council member, Paula Moore. They cancelled the Car Show this year and are considering doing it next year. The Country Fair will be held on November 18 from 10am-3pm at the Senior Center.

3. Director's Report:

Kendra provided some updates.

- The Featured Senior interviews have been going well.
- Apple Fest Bake Off and Luncheon were a success.
- The Dull Men donated to the Veteran's Food pantry.
- 1,911 people checked into the Senior Center in August, an average of 83 people per day.
- Looking to buy hybrid technology for the Senior Center for meetings and programs.
- Kendra will be on vacation Oct. 5-15.
- Kendra attached flyers for upcoming events.

4. WRTA:

Salary increases went into effective July 1 and Kendra is still looking to recruit 2-4 more drivers.

5. Springwell (formerly Bay Path):

No Report.

6. Old/New Business and Community Awareness:

- Fran Bakstran is the Master Planning Committee as the Senior Center representative. The Master Plan Implementation Committee will present the final proposal to the Select Board and the town in October. The COA should discuss the senior aspect of the plan at

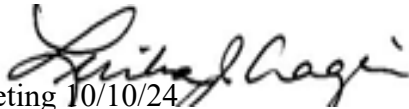
our November board meeting.

- The Fire Station plan is on the town's website.
- Medicare appointments with Shine Counselors in early to mid-October which is open enrollment season.
- In New Business the Board voted on a proposed slate of officers. The Chair is Paula Moore, the Vice-Chair is Adrienne Cost, and the Secretary is Linda Cragin.
- Mitch Cohen updated the COA on changes in Town administration and the search for Town Administrator. Mike Gallagher is the new interim town administrator. Assistant Town Administrator Becca Meekins has resigned for a new position. Diane Wackle is the interim Assistant Town Administrator. The search for a new Town Administrator continues with the search firm hired for the first search at no additional cost to the town. Candidates are being sourced and screened.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Theresa Lee, Member

Approved COA Board meeting 10/10/24

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Cragin", is written over the date "10/10/24". The signature is fluid and cursive.