

**Barnstable Council on Aging**  
825 Falmouth Rd  
Hyannis, MA 02601

**Monthly Meeting – July 20, 2016**  
**@ 9:00 AM**

Present: Taylor Cobb, John Jope, Josephine Melpignano, Eleanor Letterie, John Alden, Paul Curley, Ella Rollins

Also present: Madeline Noonan, Director, Donna Burns, Asst Director Gary Sylvester, FBCOA Liasion

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM and a quorum was met. The minutes from the June meeting were accepted as written

Chairman:

- John Jope thanked the board as the new Chairman and gave an overview of what he would like the board to work on as a team and accomplish as members

Director's report:

- Welcome John Jope as new Chairperson of the COA Board
- As of July 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Ells is the new Town Manager. Madeline Noonan, John Jope and Gary Sylvester have a meeting scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> to meet with Mark to discuss the senior center needs
- DPW is still working on making the parking lot lighting and ADA compliant
- Chanell Rose has given her notice and August 5<sup>th</sup> will be her last day
- Adult Supportive Day Program has hired a new program aide.
- Outreach is working on bringing the SHINE and support programs to the libraries. So far it has been successful and hoping to expand to more of the local libraries
- The new Compass newsletter was mailed out with many great events/activities. Lot of good feedback on the new newsletter
- GALE Fund has given a second grant to the senior center to support programming for the LGBT community.
- Formula Grant (from the state) is expected to be increased to \$10.00 per senior. This still needs to pass the governor's approval. If so the senior center will receive \$128,450 for Fiscal Year 2017
- We had a raccoon in the walls that has since been removed

FBCOA

- The Friends board members have been meeting with the Yarmouth Friends board members to discuss the installation of Bocce Courts here at the senior center. Still have a lot of research to do with the cost, town approvals, who will be responsible for the building of the courts, etc.

Ombudsman report:

- John Jope has stepped down from the ombudsman position and Anna Valtsakis has taken over the position
- Discussions have gone on with members of the bridge club. Solutions have been unsatisfactory for them. Updating the contract that clubs sign to be more specific to the use of the senior center building

Vision Committee:

- Discussions to better clarify the core values of the senior center are ongoing
- A word wall is here at the center to put a word on that best describes how people feel about the center will also be used in the writing of the mission statement
- Barnstable Youth Commission and the senior center are trying to start some intergeneration programs here
- MCOA conference is coming up soon and the board is looking for volunteers that may be interested in helping work the event and attend subjects they may be interested in

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM

Next meeting August 17, 2016 @ 9:00 AM to 9:30AM. This will be an abbreviated meeting with a joint committee meeting with the FBCOA board to follow

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Enos  
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