

Barnstable Council on Aging
Minutes

April 15, 2026. 9 am.

Present: Kathy Strudwick, Stephanie Parish, John Jope, Larry Morin, Tom Coyle, Christine Beer, Maureen Hughes

Guest: Kelly Howley

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Kathy Strudick, acting Chair.
Quorum was present. Minutes of March 18th meeting were approved as mailed.

Tom Coyle reported that he felt Villager Cafe was a success. He believes people appreciate being reminded of new programs and recommended that a larger sign in lobby might be helpful to remind them, especially of new happenings.

Director's Report - Kelly

- Registration for programs for June and July will be open May 4th.
- New classes are being offered in genealogy, decoupage, gardening, oystering.
- Chair volleyball is being offered.
- Exercise classes are very popular and are being restricted to Barnstable residents only for safety reasons.
- Summer lunch program will kick off 6/6
- Tour of WHOI 6/23
- Security program w/ police dept. will be offered May 1st.
- Emergency Planning Day (natural disasters of any sort) will be offered 9/22.

Larry Morin reported he is working on the Administrative Code for the Town and distributed copies of Code Sec. 241-47-10 for us to review.

Board leadership

There was lengthy discussion about the gap in Board leadership, namely, the open position for Chair. There is full complement of Directors but no one has been willing to assume leadership and that is concern. John Jope recommended reviewing MCOA binder that each board member has.

Christine Beer graciously offered to accept nomination for position of Chair and outlined her views on leadership.

Nominations are made in May and elections held in June.

John Jope will serve as acting Chair for May meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Jope at 10:10 am.

Minutes recorded by Maureen Hughes