



Town of Hingham  
Council on Aging  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023  
1:00 PM  
Minutes of Meeting

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Attending:

Joe Nevins, Chair

David Alschuler, Vice Chair

Joe Millburg

Ethel Franks

Karen Johnson

Joshua Ross

Jean Silverio

Sara Smithson

Jennifer Young, DES Director

Guest

Dick Ponte

Not Attending

Christine Conley

Cindy King-Frode

1. Call to order – Chair - Meeting called to order

2. Remarks - Chair and Vice Chair - Chair Joe Nevins thanked everyone for volunteering as there is a lot to accomplish this year. Congratulations to Jean, Ethel, Sara & Cindy for their reappointments to the Board. Joe Fisher has someone in mind to fill vacant position.
  3. June Meeting Minutes - N/A
  4. Directors Report
- Father’s Day Luncheon: June 6. BBQ event with 22 attendees, \$5 program fee to offset the cost of the food. Transportation Coordinator, Steve Monteiro, cooked the food.
  - Tea Time with Tre’Andre: June 14. Conversational style program with 20 participants.
  - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was June 15th. The Select Board read a formal proclamation for the Town of Hingham to recognize June 15<sup>th</sup> as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day going forward. The Department of Elder Services plans to grow the event with increased education and outreach annually.
  - Dinner Theater with the Delvena Theater Company presented “Nun of This, Nun of That” on June 27<sup>th</sup>. 42 seniors. \$15 program fee to offset cost of catered meal from Rafael’s and the performance fee of \$700.
  - Tai Chi concluded a yearlong weekly balance program funded by a grant partnerships between SSVNA and the center.
  - Nails for You, mobile manicures and pedicures will come to the center monthly to provide services by appointment.

Program Statistics

	FY22	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr	May	June
New Members	234	19	19	26	20	26	17	6	7	12	16	9	14
Participation (unduplicated)	855	309	314	384	422	388	354	275	245	333	273	273	250
Participation (duplicated)	15,416	1,499	1,500	1,642	1,808	1,581	1,482	1,092	919	1,110	966	1025	971
Programs * (unduplicated)	84	37	36	47	48	39	48	54	60	50	56	71*	67
Programs * (duplicated)	2,089	195	204	202	210	207	215	173	192	223	206	244*	218
Medical Rides (unduplicated)	76	19	17	20	22	25	17	23	22	19	16	15	21
Medical Rides (duplicated)	832	62	58	84	87	101	61	93	65	79	53	75	65
Non- Medical Rides (unduplicated)	43	33	32	33	32	28	29	20	23	18	20	26	30
Non- Medical Rides (duplicated)	1171	141	146	144	121	142	150	84	86	84	83	129	99

Rides to Center (unduplicated)	23	5	6	12	5	3	6	5	7	3	3	6	2
Rides to Center (duplicated)	242	14	12	19	12	5	18	25	31	38	30	44	29
Volunteers** (unduplicated)	72	22	20	20	31	27	35	31	25	31	33	38	34
Volunteer Hours** (duplicated)	3015	244	271	248	380	362	506	314	234	389	309	456	375
Outreach (unduplicated)	171	38	54	50	59	65	29	35	25	42	33	35	34
Outreach (duplicated)	394	69	84	63	90	100	51	50	37	58	45	59	69

\* Prior to May Program Data reflects only in-person programs broken apart from hybrid. Starting in May data reflects both in-person and hybrid programs combined. This change is due to the decrease in remote only and hybrid program offerings.

\*\*Volunteer hours may not be reflected until the following month.

### Other

- Fiscal Year 2023 closed out June 30<sup>th</sup>. Elder Services Budget reports will be presented at August Council on Aging Board Meeting as accounting journal entries and encumbrances close mid-July.
- Virtual tour company, Beeyond, announced the closing of the company due to lack of investment support effective July 2023. The company provided monthly virtual tours around the world. Unspent membership fees will be reimbursed.
- Netflix announced the ending of DVD mailing effective September 2023. The company will only stream content. The center can no longer advertise upcoming films, due to the lack of expiration dates published on their site.
- Elder Services has expended grant funds from Medical Access Program (MAP). MAP is a Title III federally funded program through the Older Americans Act. This grant allocated \$4,000 to 10 communities to provide transportation to out of town medical appointments through South Shore Community Action Council. The grant cycle runs October 1 through September 30. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, Hingham spent \$4,000 over the allocated amount. This demonstrates the increasing need for older residents to have access to transportation services to Boston and other communities for medical appointments.

Question asked about progress on new staff member. Personnel Board is working on new positions for Town, but new staff member position was not mentioned. Jen will talk to Art about it.

### 5. Committee Updates

- a. Friends Study Committee - Dick Ponte has 17 members of the 18 needed for the Board. Newest additions are Katie Puzo (Development Officer) and Shandu Gajria who does tax prep for Marshfield and Scituate. Eileen McCracken (Treasurer), Betty Foley, Mary Powers, Dot Gallo, Jack Slater, Ginny Ballou, Lynn Bonano, Nick Amdur, David Anderson, Patti Coyle (Secretary), Stephanie Gertz, Dawn Sibor and Donna Linskey (Ass't. Treasurer). First

meeting will be at SSCC Wednesday 7/19 where we'll vote on 6 officers. Dan Power and one other have volunteered to help with website. Mailing address is PO Box 65, Hingham, MA 02043. Dot Gallo volunteered to attend Building Committee meetings.

- b. Senior Center Building Committee- Jean Silverio - There have been no recent meetings. Possibly meeting in August. Joe suggested Jean contact Tom Carey to keep momentum moving in right direction.
6. Marketing Programs/ Media - Joe would like to re-activate the Marketing Subcommittee, Josh volunteered to Chair the committee.
7. Future Meeting Schedule - Voted to meet August 8th at 1pm.
8. Other Business - Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance - N/A
9. Future Agenda Items - Joe suggested he'd like 3 items from each member for next meeting:  
1) Suggestions of to who we might do an outreach; 2) Consider participating on Marketing Committee or come with ideas for the Committee; and 3) Look at the Strategic Plan.
10. Public Comment - N/A
11. Adjournment - Motion made to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 2:35 PM