



TOWN OF BLANDFORD

Council on Aging
1 Russell Stage Road
Blandford, MA 01008

**MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL ON AGING
September 12, 2022**

1. Open Session at 1:00 pm

Meeting is recorded

In Attendance: Margit Mikuski, Director; Heidi Taberman, Member; Bob Twyman, Member; Pat Lombardo, Member-Absent; Barbara Langmore, Member; Joann Martin, Chair

Meeting is held in the Council on Aging meeting room

1) EXAMINATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Examination of the Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2022

MOTION: H. Taberman made a motion to approve the Council on Aging Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2022

B. Twyman Seconded

All in Favor

2) DIRECTOR'S BUDGET REPORT

Director Mikuski is in the process of moving her budget files from Microsoft Office to a Google account. Once this is accomplished, Mikuski will present the budget on a quarterly bases and at the October 11 meeting.

3) OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Transportation

Mikuski reported reaching out to three new potential drivers for the COA vehicle. One of the potential drives is a Registered Nurse. CORI checks will be done before proceeding.

b. Update on Flu Clinic

Stop & Shop will be taking care of our Flu clinic needs. This is scheduled for October 14, 2022, during our regularly scheduled luncheon. Mikuski is reaching out for attendees.

c. Cultural Council Grant

Mikuski has been working on several potential grants through the Cultural Council.

1. 'Sip & Paint' event. The grant would cover the \$200 fee.
2. Sarah The Fiddler to perform at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon at a cost of \$400.
3. Scarf Making using dried flowers/leaves; Mikuski is trying to reach out to this person and will follow up.

MOTION: B. Twyman made a motion to have the Council on Aging Director, Margit Mikuski, investigate these Cultural Council Grants.

B. Langmore Seconded

All in Favor

d. Veteran's Dinner

Martin reported that she would like to work with Jennifer Girard on this meal. Martin is concerned that the equipment needed to cook for 50 people no longer exists at the Town Hall Kitchen and Girard has generously agreed to use her kitchen at The Blandford Country Store. The Board has agreed to serve pot roast, potato, vegetable, and dessert.

5) NEW BUSINESS

a. SHINE Counselor

Mikuski passed out the annual enrollment forms for Medicare to be distributed to folks that need help with Medicare open enrollment. These forms are available through the Council on Aging. The Board discussed the fact that this counselor is 'fantastic' and can save individuals a great deal of money.

b. Assign a Chair for Council on Aging

Mikuski reported that the Board has not had a chairperson for several years. This position would include working on meeting minutes, agenda, transportation scheduling. Joann Martin is taking care of meeting minutes and agenda at this time and will work with Margit on taking over the transportation scheduling and phone calls.

MOTION: Heidi Taberman made a motion to appoint Joann Martin as Chairperson for the Council on Aging

B. Langmore Seconded

All in Favor

c. Highland Valley Elder Service Update

Mikuski mentioned she was approached by the service noting that the COA used to be a part of this, however, the meetings are in Florence, MA and these meetings are not offered via Zoom. This is a long drive for anybody from Blandford and since we do our own meals, there seems to be no need to get involved at this time. The COA still receives the Farmer's Market coupons for residents.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm

NOTE: Agenda may include items not reasonably expected 48 hours before the meeting.

Meeting Minutes Presented by Joann Martin, Member Council on Aging

Heidi Taberman, Member

Robert Twyman, Member

Barbara Langmore, Member

Joann Martin, Chair

Absent _____
Pat Lombardo, Member

Margit Mikuski, Director