



**TOWN OF BLANDFORD**  
Council On Aging

Blandford Town Hall  
1 Russell Stage Road, Suite 1  
Blandford, MA 01008

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 14, 2024  
6:30 pm**

Meeting Open at 6:35 pm

**In Attendance:** M. Mikuski, Director; B. Twyman, Member; B. Langmore, Member; P. Lombardo, Member; H. Taberman, Member–Absent; J. Martin, Chair

**1) EXAMINATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*a. Examination of the Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2023*

**MOTION:** B. Twyman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes or September 19, 2023, as written  
**J. Martin Seconded**  
**All in Favor**

**2) DIRECTOR'S BUDGET REPORT**

J. Martin, chair, presented a spreadsheet for the revolving fund monies that shows the expenses and debits enabling the group to have a better knowledge of the lunch and breakfast budget.

**3) OLD BUSINESS**

**4) NEW BUSINESS**

*a) Volunteer Drivers*

Mikuski reported she got a call from a new resident who would be interested in volunteering to drive and work on newsletters for COA. Mikuski will look forward to hearing from her.

Margit stated her frustration with trying to get a CORI check down on Don Carpenter who is willing to drive the COA vehicle. Mikuski asked for Dunne's input as previous TA. He forwarded the instructions to the new TA's computer.

*b) Speaker for Shine in September*

The Shine speaker contacted COA and wants to come to lunch in September and talk about the Shine program coming up as it starts in October – December. This program offers Medicare and Health Insurance counseling. Mikuski will look forward to hearing from Shine.

**c) *Non-Perishable Food Collection Hunting Food Pantry***

The Huntington food pantry visited to pick up a care package that was donated by a resident. When asked if they are really in need, sadly, the answer was yes. We are getting more and more residents that need toiletries, food, etc. Mikuski asked for a monthly list of needs and would like to put a basket in the Town Hall for donations. She will look forward to hearing from the Huntington Food Pantry

**d) *Seniors Canes***

Mikuski would like to purchase two canes: 1 for Lorraine Bean and 1 for Bob Wright. Mikuski will purchase the canes and Twyman will personalize them.

**e) *Garden sign for Sumner's Rhubarb***

Mikuski planted some cuttings of Sumner Robbins rhubarb. She is hoping to have a dedication sign created for the rhubarb garden.

**f) *New Mechanic for COA Vehicle***

Mikuski would like to switch mechanics for the care of the COA vehicle. The current place we use does not bill the Town but takes payment on the spot whereas the place across the street will bill us. The Board voted to switch mechanics.

**g) *Speaker for June COA event – Caregiving***

Margit has been working with the Town Nurse, Maryann, on getting a caregiving up here to speak about Alzheimer's and dementia. What this person will talk about is what signs to look for. Maryann also suggested we open this up to other Hilltowns. She also knows a woman who is willing to do this however, she is on childbirth leave and will be back in the fall. She found an alternate speaker, but this person would rather work with Zoom only. Martin pointed out these folks come here for lunch, not a formal meeting. Martin suggested we start the meeting at 12:45 when folks are eating their dessert and done with lunch and have had a chance to chat with one another.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Absent

Heidi Taberman, Member

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Absent

Barbara Langmore, Member

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Pat Lombardo, Member

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Robert Twyman, Member

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Joann Martin, Chair

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Margit Mikuski, Director