

BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
11/20/25

Board Present: Margaret Moroff, Carol Buote, Kathleen Strozyk, Arlene Medeiros

Call to Order – Margaret Moroff called the meeting to order at 9:30 in the hearing room. She reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes – The board voted to table the minutes from 10/09/25.

Outreach Update – This topic was taken out of order to accommodate the Outreach Coordinators appointment. Lorraine Moniz updated the board on her first few weeks of Outreach. She said that it is an honor to work for the town. She has been very busy with open enrollment but is also working with individuals to help them with Fuel Assistance Applications and Snap Benefits.

FY 2024 Budget - Krista Celia presented the financial report for September 2025

1. Town Budget Balance: Salary: \$23,696.90 Town Funded Accounts: \$2,301.30
2. Formula Grant: \$19,989.81
3. Program Donations: \$13,457.95
4. General Donations: \$5,499.91

Events – The board discussed the following upcoming events.

- a. Holiday Card Making Class – Holiday Card making will be held 12/04/25
- b. The Holiday Party will be held on 12/06/25 – The holiday party is full and we are on a waitlist. Senator Dooner will be in attendance along with Selectmen Horsefall. Representative Orrall has not yet sent in his RSVP. Selectmen Vincent will not be in attendance.
- c. Lights On is 12/07/25 and the Friends will be selling soup and hot dogs.
- d. Men’s Group – The Men’s Group will be held on 12/10/25. It is a small group but there has been feedback that more men are interested.
- e. Watercolor Painting will be held on 12/11/25
- f. Mobile Market – Brown Bag is now called Mobile Market and will take place on 12/17/25 and 01/29/25. Moving forward there will a notification sent that bags need to be picked up by Thursday or the bag will be donated. The COA does not have the space to hold the delivery for extended periods. Krista Celia told the board that in the future no activities other than Men’s Group will be scheduled on Mobil Market days. The delivery time of the bags has been fluctuating recently and when it gets delayed it has a ripple effect on the things scheduled in the COA.
- g. Holiday Meal Delivery – There are approximately 14 people who will receive a church meal.
- h. Podiatry will be held 01/08/25
- i. Historical Show and Tell – Eden Jones from the Historical Society will be presenting a show and tell in the COA with items from the Historical Society Museum.
- j. Crafting with Amy – Snowmen Family on 01/22/25
- k. CPR and Choking Education will be held on 01/28/25. This will be taught by the public health nurse and will be limited to 10 participants. It will be a 90-minute program.

- l. Lunch and Learn with Bristol Aging and Wellness – Dawn Dimarco from Bristol Aging and Wellness will teach a Heart Health program in the COA. The meal will be provided by Bristol Aging and will be a chicken salad sandwich.
- m. Lucky Bunny Crafting – Krista Celia will reach out Kathy Tracey about setting up a hat making project.
- n. Game Shows like Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy are available to bring in as events for a \$250 fee. Krista Celia will look into scheduling that.

Margaret Moroff discussed well meaning people who post on Facebook looking to help seniors. She was concerned that these programs open seniors up to scams. Krista Celia said Bristol Aging and Wellness puts together lists of people/organizations who are available to assist seniors.

Friends of the COA Report – The December newsletter will list proposed Friends activities for 2026.

Next Meeting – 12/18/25 at 9:30. Carol Buote will not be able to attend.

Motion to Adjourn. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:13.