

BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
Minutes of Meeting
May 24, 2021

A special meeting of the Council on Aging was held in the Activity Room on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 10:15a.m. The meeting was duly posted.

Board members present: Chairwoman Margaret Moroff, Nancy Thompson and Arlene Medeiros. Wendy Cochrane was absent.

Staff present: Amanda Blais, Director.

Public present: Donna Benoit and Jeanne Russo

I. Call to Order at 10:15a.m.

Margaret Moroff called the meeting to order at 10:20a.m.

II. Special Meeting Discussion

Margaret Moroff stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Governor Baker's order to lift COVID-19 restrictions effective May 29, 2021. The Director informed the Board of Governor Baker's order with guidance from the CDC:

- Masks do not have to be worn indoors or outdoors for vaccinated individuals
- It is advised that unvaccinated individuals continue to wear masks indoors and outdoors when social distancing isn't possible
- Face coverings will still be mandatory on private and public transportation, at medical appointments, and in vulnerable settings such as congregate care settings
- Businesses will return to 100% capacity

The Director read aloud guidance sought from MCOA, stating the Governor is not mandating the vaccination and it is encouraged that the Town solicitor provide guidance. The Director informed the Board that, according to the Town Administrator, the Board of Health will discuss at their scheduled meeting on May 25, 2021 how to proceed with the lift restrictions.

The Director provided the Board with a COVID-19 waiver form that the COA can use. The Director informed the Board that each time a senior signs in to MySeniorCenter at the COA, a message will come on the screen for the senior to acknowledge that by entering the COA without a mask, they are responsible for putting themselves at risk of contracting COVID-19. Nancy Thompson suggested shortening the waiver form to include the most important information when uploading the waiver to MySeniorCenter.

Margaret Moroff asked for a motion to have seniors sign the waiver for activities and programs and if a senior does not want to sign the waiver, they cannot participate in the activity or program. Motion was made by Nancy Thompson and seconded by Arlene Medeiros. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, Arlene Medeiros made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Nancy Thompson. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:47a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda L. Blais

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