

BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
04/16/26

Board Present: Margaret Moroff, Cathy Charette, Carol Buote, Arlene Medeiros, & Kathy Strozyk

Call to Order – Margaret Moroff called the meeting to order at 9:33 in the hearing room. She reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes – The board voted to accept the minutes of 02/19/26.

FY 2026 Budget - Krista Celia presented the financial report for March 2026

1. Town Budget Balance: Salary: \$9,293.90 Town Funded Accounts: \$1,747.31
2. Formula Grant: \$24,882.65
3. Program Donations: \$14,713.95
4. General Donations: \$5,763.91

Events – The board discussed the following upcoming events.

- a. Refuse to be a Victim – Part 2 – 04/21/26 – Approximately 14 people participated in part 1 of the program and a few who could not make part 1 will join the group for part 2.
- b. Mobile Market – 04/22/26 – Current participation is at 44 households.
- c. Men's Group – 04/22/26 – Small but steady group of participants.
- d. Medical Emergency – 04/22/26 – Firefighter Liza Amaral will return to the COA to teach a public safety program.
- e. Watercolor Painting – 04/23/26 – The painting will be an iris. The signup is going strong and it is the most participants we have seen sign up for a watercolor class to date.
- f. Support Groups - 04/23/26 & 05/21/26 – Lorrain Moniz, the outreach coordinator will be hosting two caregiver support groups followed by a grief support group on 06/11/26.
- g. Paint with Amy – 05/07/26 – The project will be a painting on glass.
- h. Fairy Planter with Sue – 05/14/26 – Sue from the garden club will be in to help participants build a fairy garden planter.
- i. Public Health Glucose Clinic – 05/27/26 – This clinic will have both the volunteer nurse who will take blood pressures and the public health nurse who will check glucose and cholesterol.
- j. Paper Crafting Folio with Lestyn – 05/27/26 – Lestyn will teach a folio making class. The cost to participate is \$5 for Berkley residents and \$10 for nonresidents.
- k. Music of 1940 with Fran Hart – 07/20/26 – This program is paid for by a grant from the Cultural Council and the Friends of the Council on Aging voted to pay for the catering.
- l. Hip Hop Square Dancing – 07/20/26 – This program is funded by a grant from the Cultural Council.
- m. Singo – 05/20/26 – Singo will return to the COA.

Friends of the COA Report – The Friends of the COA cancelled their trip to New Hampshire because there were not enough people who had signed up. The Tall Ships list is full and the Country Jamboree has a good sign up. July 4th there will be a cookout on the common. Signups have already begun for the September craft show.

Public Input – Bill Verrochi offered to purchase new bingo cards for the COA. Nan Thompson updated the board about the SAVE Taskforce. She wanted to make sure that seniors knew that voting would be at the Middle School and that an override would be on the ballot.

Next Meeting – 05/21/26 at 9:30.

Motion to Adjourn. The board voted to adjourn the meeting.