

BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
06/25/26

Board Present: Margaret Moroff, Carol Buote, & Kathy Strozyk

Call to Order – Margaret Moroff called the meeting to order 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 05/21/26.

FY 2026 Budget - Krista Celia presented the financial report for May 31, 2026

1. Town Budget Balance: Salary: \$4,057.90 Town Funded Accounts: \$1,595.76
2. Formula Grant: \$26,593.09
3. Program Donations: \$14,963.36
4. General Donations: \$5,775.91

Events – The board discussed the following upcoming events.

- a. Support Groups – Caregiver: 6/25/26 and 07/29/26 with a 10:30 time change. Grief: 07/23/26. Lorraine Moniz updated the board about the progress of the support groups. She talked about how important they are and how participants mentioned that they felt lighter after attending.
- b. Paint with Amy – 07/16/26 – The project will be a Seashell Painting with two project options. Participants can either paint seashells on the canvas or glue real shells to the canvas.
- c. Music of 1940 with Fran Hart – 07/20/26 – This program is paid for by a grant from the Cultural Council. This program is almost at capacity with only 10 spots left.
- d. Mobile Market – 07/22/26 – Current participation is at 45 households. Krista Celia shared with the board the recent update from the Greater Boston Food Bank. The truck that delivers the food has reached its weight capacity. As a result, both Freetown and Berkley have paused new registrations and will implement a waitlist going forward.
- e. Men's Group – 07/22/26 – Small but steady group of participants.
- f. Singo – 07/29/26 – Singo participation last month was approximately 25 participants. It is still a popular program.
- g. Hip Hop Square Dancing – 07/30/26 – This program is funded by a grant from the Cultural Council. Registration begins 6/29/26.
- h. Watercolor Painting – 08/13/26 – Celery and Orange Peel flowers
- i. Jeopardy – 09/02/26 – Jeopardy is coming to the COA. There is no limit on participation. There will be 8 teams. Jeopardy is replacing a scheduled BINGO. It will be held on 09/02/26.
- j. Fall Fairy Planter with Sue – 09/03/26 – Sue is from the garden club. The pots for the program have already been purchased.
- k. AI for Seniors – Henry Quinlan will present a program about AI program for seniors. The date is still being determined.

Friends of the COA Report – The Friends still have space in their Pennsylvania trip. They are having their July 4th hotdog cookout on the common from 11:30 – 1:30. The musical guest will be Mike & the Dynamics.

Public Input – Krista Celia spoke about the AC Drive. She said that it was recommended by both the Police Chief and Selectmen Vincent that only new air conditioners be used for this program. Krista said that Selectmen Vincent would not be available to facilitate this program. Krista said she would work on getting the program going this year.

Next Meeting – 07/15/26 at 9:30

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