

BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
07/16/26

Board Present: Margaret Moroff, Carol Buote, Cathy Charette, Arelene Medeiros & 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 05/25/26.

FY 2026 Budget - Krista Celia presented the financial report for June 30, 2026

End of FY 26 Budget

1. Town Funded Accounts: \$87.74
2. Formula Grant: Fy 26 Received \$23,120 / FY 26 Expensed \$22,776.37 FY: 26 Balance 343.63
Formula Grant Current Balance: \$21,503.77
3. Program Donations: \$14,927.58
4. General Donations: \$5,775.91

Krista Celia spoke with the board about the newsletter. Going forward, out of town seniors will not be added to the newsletter mailing list. They will be directed to the website to view the newsletter. The monthly events calendar will be also be made available to pick up at the COA.

Events – The board discussed the following upcoming events.

- a. Support Groups – Caregiver: 08/06/26 & Grief: 07/23/26 & 08/20/26. Support group attendance has remained strong. Open enrollment is around the corner and when that starts the support groups will pause.
- b. Paint with Amy – 07/16/26 – The project will be a Seashell Painting with two project options. A smaller number of participants have signed up for this project.
- 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 2 spots left. Carol Buote, Arlene Medeiros, and Margaret Moroff will help serve the dinner. Krista Celia asked DeAvila's Catering to reduce the number of participants to 65.
- d. Mobile Market – 07/22/26 – Current participation is at 45 households.
- e. Men's Group – 07/22/26 – Small but steady group of participants.
- f. Singo – 07/29/26 – This will be the last SINGO for a couple of months.
- g. Hip Hop Square Dancing – 07/30/26 – This program is funded by a grant from the Cultural Council.
- h. Watercolor Painting – 08/13/26 – Celery and Orange Peel flowers.
- i. Jeopardy – 09/02/26 – There is no limit on participation. There will be 8 teams. Jeopardy is replacing a scheduled BINGO.
- j. Fall Fairy Planter with Sue – 09/03/26 – Sue is from the garden club. The signup will start the first week of August.
- k. AI for Seniors – Henry Quinlan will present a program about Artificial Intelligence for seniors. This event will be held 09/23/26.

Program Ideas- Movement Bingo through Bristol Aging and Wellness, Old Colony History Museum, & Carol from library's presentation.

Grab and Go – There is a new caterer called City Fresh for this program in starting in August.

Elections – Margaret Moroff was elected as Chairman of the Council on Aging Board and Kathleen Strozyk was elected Vice Chairman.

Friends of the COA Report – The Friends have the Turkey Train and the Ice Cream Social coming up.

Public Input – Krista Celia spoke about the AC Drive. She said that she would like to get back to this next May. The COA would request the AC Units in May and offer them in June.

Next Meeting – 08/20/26 at 9:30

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