

Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2025

Members Present:

Chair, David Frim, Treasurer, Gloria Lemieux, Nick Bagas, Doug Dorr, Marylou Harding, Shari Sprong, and Debbie Heckbert
Elder Affairs Director, Emily Williams arrived at approximately 2:30p.m.

Guest(s): Town Councilors Mary McGrath and Mark Linde were present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by David Frim at 2:00pm.

A motion to approve January minutes made by Doug Dorr, which was duly seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair, David Frim announced the upcoming holiday building closures and closures related to building construction.

Treasurer, Gloria Lemieux gave a brief overview of current fund balances and highlighted noteworthy expenses. At the request of the Commission, Ann Holmberg gave a brief overview of how the revolving fund worked.

Executive Assistant, Ann Holmberg gave a brief update on upcoming events and activities, including the Valentine's Day event, and the Social Day Program.

Elder Affairs Director, Emily Williams provided an update on the kitchen equipment upgrades, the SAVE program for 2025 and the MSW Intern who will be working with Kathy Hayes for the remainder of the semester. Ms. Williams also spoke about the Social Day program and the clear need within the community. She noted that the Conant Center would be the ideal location for such a program. A general discussion followed with the commission members about possible options to work together with the Conant Center.

The question of hybrid meetings was raised as one of the members had hoped to participate remotely. The Director shared information from her team leader meeting that the town is trying to leverage technology to work with hybrid meetings and there would be more information to follow from the town, but currently the only building equipped for hybrid meetings is the Academy Building.

Members of the commission asked general questions and noted opinions on events.

Councilors McGrath and Linde asked how they can be of help to the Senior Center and spoke briefly about the upcoming budget season.

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for March 10th at 2pm, in person.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marylou Harding, which was duly seconded. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned 2:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Holmberg