

Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2025

Members Present:

Chair, David Frim, Vice Chair, Diane Roza, Treasurer, Gloria Lemieux, Nick Bagas, Marylou Harding, Shari Sprong, and Debbie Heckbert

Elder Affairs Director, Emily Williams arrived at approximately 2:30p.m.

Guest: Town Councilor Mary McGrath was present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by David Frim at 2:02pm.

A motion to approve December minutes made by Gloria Lemieux, 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 cleaning.

Treasurer, Gloria Lemieux gave a brief overview of current fund balances and highlighted noteworthy expenses.

Executive Assistant, Ann Holmberg gave a brief update on transportation options with the suspension of the Bridgewater Cares Transit service and spoke generally about upcoming events and activities.

The question of hybrid meetings was raised. The Executive Assistant noted her understanding that public meetings were scheduled either in person or via Zoom. She did not believe hybrid was an option at this time, however committed to checking with Josh McGraw who is the Board, Committee, Commission coordinator.

Elder Affairs Director, Emily Williams provided an update on the Social Day Program and the Expansion Grant giving further detail on building and updates. She then spoke about outreach efforts now that open enrollment is complete; Ms. Williams touched on the topics of oil and fuel needs, Buried in Treasures and community advocacy. She also highlighted a few upcoming activities; specifically virtual supper club and CPR training in February.

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

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Shari Sprong, which was duly seconded. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned 3:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Holmberg