

## Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 14, 2025

Members Present:

Vice Chair, Diane Roza, Treasurer, Gloria Lemieux, Nick Bagas, Doug Dorr, Robin Sherick, Shari Sprong (arriving at 2:16pm), Debbie Heckbert, Associate Member, Jane Marochino  
Elder Affairs Director, Courtney Riley was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Diane Roza at 2:03pm.

A motion to approve June minutes was made by Nick Bagas, which was duly seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion to approve passed unanimously.

Committee Vice Chair, Diane Roza announced the upcoming holiday building closures.

Treasurer Gloria Lemieux gave a brief overview of current fund balances and highlighted noteworthy expenses, noting there was no word from Howard Foundation as yet.

A brief discussion followed regarding the outdoor projects that were intended to be funded via Community Preservation Committee. Director Courtney Riley provided a brief history and answered questions based on her gathering of information from minutes and past meetings, noting that the funding being requested was not approved.

Director, Courtney Riley spoke about the status of the Friends Group, and her progress in connecting with a potential President, which will enable the program to move forward. She spoke at length with the committee about the differences between the Elder Affairs Commission and the Friends Group, pointing out that it is very important for Commission members to add discussion items to the agenda. The Director answered several questions about the Friends group and explained how the Friends members are chosen and touched on how they fundraise. Finally, Ms. Riley suggested all members take a moment and look at the MCOA website as a resource.

At the request of one of the members, the Director explained the reason for suspending Bistro delivery service.

Ms. Riley reminded the group that the August meeting will be in the form of a workshop, not a meeting. She requested the members come to the workshop prepared to discuss:

- Mission
- Top five goals
- What they think are people missing in town

It was noted that the next regular commission meeting is scheduled for September 15th at 2pm, in person.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gloria Lemieux, which was duly seconded. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned 3:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Holmberg