

Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2025

Members Present:

Treasurer, Gloria Lemieux, Nick Bagas, Doug Dorr, Marylou Harding, Robin Sherick, Shari Sprong, Debbie Heckbert, Associate Member, Jane Marochino
Elder Affairs Director, Courtney Riley was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Elder Affairs Director, Courtney Riley at 2:00pm.

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

Elder Affairs Director, Courtney Riley announced the upcoming holiday building closures and briefly noted the next meeting would be October 20th due to the holiday closure on October 13th. She also requested changing the November meeting from 11/10 to 11/17 to accommodate the Veteran's Day celebration which is being held in partnership with the Veteran's Office on 11/10. Shari Sprong stated she would be out of town for the October meeting.

Treasurer Gloria Lemieux gave a brief overview of current fund balances and highlighted noteworthy expenses. Nick Braga's asked how much was taken in by coffee bar donations, noting whatever that amount is; It's worth it to see the community socializing.

Director, Courtney Riley thanked the group for their attendance at the Workshop. She additionally thanked Nick Braga's for volunteering to speak at Men's Breakfast about upcoming events. Ms. Riley then spoke about projects happening around the building, noting there would be work done on the coffee bar area to ensure ADA compliance. She spoke about this year's master's level social working intern who would be starting next week. The Director then gave an update on the mission statement sign that would be hung over the interior entrance noting the generosity of an anonymous doner and the Ousamequin Club. An update on the formation of a Friends Group was provided. The Director shared that Danielle Oliari was chosen as the President. Now the legal documentation has been sent to the state for approval. A lengthy discussion followed as members asked several questions about the differing roles of the EAC and the upcoming Friends Group, where donations go once the group is established and how they will interact.

Seeing no further discussion, the Director asked if there was any public comment. Town Councilor, Mary McGrath, who asked if there was anything the EAC would like her to bring to the Town Council. A brief discussion regarding the Housing Authority followed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Ann Holmberg