**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**

**Minutes April 10, 2023**

**10:35 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Chair Nancy Butler, Cindy Bloomquist, Geri Cellini, Dottie Martel,

Inez Murphy. **Members Absent:** none

**Friends of COA Present:** Geri Cellini, Cindy Bloomquist, Helen Reynolds

**Guests:** John Traynor, Brenda Traynor, Linda Norrie, Tally Carruthers

**Staff** **Present:**  Colleen Thompson

 **1. Opening:** Chair Nancy Butler opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**2. Minutes:** March minutes approved as written.

**3. Reports:**

A. COA Reports: Colleen Thompson.

* 1. Warrants: $553.88
	2. Pantry served 34 people, 20 households
	3. The Post Office refunded the postage for the delayed March newsletters.
1. Friends of COA Report: Helen Reynolds, Cindy Bloomquist
There is a balance of $ 5,632.15 in our new Rockland Trust account. Thanks to Cindy Bloomquist, the Friends of the Plympton COA is reinstated as a legal non-profit group. A fee of $275.00 was paid for tax forms and documentation. The new bank account is in the name of the non-profit. Individuals’ names are no longer associated with the account except as signatories.
2. OCES Reports: Dottie Martel
	1. OCES meetings are in-person in Brockton. Dottie is able to attend these
	2. OCES is offering a Traveling Chef program, a Lindley Food service for COA events. This will be revisited for 2024 events.
3. Director’s report: Colleen Thompson
	1. Jim Mustacaros will be on vacation May 8th – May 12th.
	2. Our soup and sandwich day was a complete success. Musician Bill Alberti was warmly received. In retrospect, three pots of soup may not have been enough and possibly fewer sandwiches. Thanks to Nancy Butler for her corn chowder, Cindy Bloomquist for her stuffed pepper soup and Get Cellini for her vegetarian soup. A dessert tray was provided by the Silver Lake culinary class.
	3. Chair hip hop will be returning on June 19th.
	4. Capt. John Sjostedt is planning a field trip to Miles Standish in mid June. We will visit fire towers and other facilities and enjoy a cookout. Date to follow.
4. Board of Selectmen Update: John Traynor
	1. SLT Construction Corp earth removal request has been withdrawn.
	2. Plympton is working with the town of Sharon to get a USPS Deborah Sampson stamp. The application has been filed and the process takes a few years.
	3. The Recreation Committee and PAYS sports fields work has begun. This includes trimming the trees around the cemetery.
	4. The Girl Scouts will be working in conjunction with This Old House to create new raised beds in front of the library. TOH will film the project at the end of May.
	5. The Center St. Highway Building – This multi-use storage building is in dire need of renovation. Among the things stored there is the antique Town Hearse. Resident and Firefighter Steve Lyons volunteered and has been authorized to work on the roof.

**4. Updates and Discussion:**

1. Travelers’ Group Bus Trips Update Dottie has been the coordinator for these bus trips. She and her co-planner, Terry Seer, will be retiring from this program. Halifax is interested in keeping the trips going. Colleen will speak to Halifax and Bloom Tours.
2. Travelers’ Group Upcoming Trips. Three trips are scheduled for 2023. For more information see Dottie.
	* + May 10th Spirit of Boston which includes food and entertainment.
		+ June 20th Whites of Westport
		+ Turkey train to Meredith, N.H.

**Next meeting** scheduled for May 8, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 11:40

Minutes taken by Geri Cellini transcribed by COA staff.