

## **Minutes**

### **COA Advisory Board Meeting minutes of October 23, 2023**

J. Cooperman, R. Edelston, N. Grossman, M. Kempner, J. Shapiro, R. Maidman, B. Caruso, H. Switekowski (Select Board liaison to COA)

Meeting called to order 2:30 PM

Minutes from September 11, 2023 - Unanimously approved.

### **Director's Report (Beth Caruso)**

Beth introduced Cristobal Sanchez as the new Outreach Coordinator. Today is his first day. Welcome Cristobal.

There is a need for an additional CDL bus/van driver.

Door counter: 3300 clicks(1 coming – 1 going). Approximately 1650 patrons visited the Center in October. Will keep monitoring.

Things are going well with Beth. Beth is learning a lot, listening and getting good feedback on programs Investigating on ways to make fitness programs registrations more simplified.

Art Gallery was held on September 21<sup>s</sup> (Nancy Wluka). Over 60 people attended and there was a great amount of food Very successful.

Photo Club will begin in November.

Pumpkin Carving event was held last week.

Trunk or Treat events scheduled for next weekend.

Memory Café will started month.

LGBT Social was held today – usually about 20 people.

3 lectures were held.

Monthly Party was held. 40 people attended.

South Asian Social. 38 people attended and the group is growing.

Chinese Elders. 52 people attended.

The Center Library was renovated and looks great.

COA will conduct a 20-minute presentation for the Citizens Academy on November 9th (town wide program to educate residents on various departments).

**Guest: Fred Turkington, Town Administrator**

Fred gave an overview of what's going on in Sharon. A wide variety of topics were discussed that have impact and benefits to the Town.

Each board member was able to ask questions on topics related to seniors. An additional CDL driver was discussed.

**Sharon High School Participation** -no update

National Honor Society will conduct its Fall Cleanup for residents that have requested.

**MGH Research Project (R. Lopez) – no update**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- HESSCO (E. Feldman): No report
- FSCOA (M. Kempner): No report
- AARP events: (<https://states.aarp.org/massachusetts/events-ma>)

**The next COA Advisory Board Meeting will be Monday, November 20th, 2023@ 2:30PM**

