

MEETING MINUTES

WINTHROP COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: Robert A. DeLeo Senior Center
35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

Present: Kathy Dixon, Director, Council on Aging
Kathy Driscoll
Cynthia Huff
Heather Martin
Mary Vitale

Absent: Alice Haskell, Chair
Linda Cronin

Call to order at 10:37 AM by Kathy Dixon, Director, Council on Aging

I. Approval of Minutes

Due to a question as to whether a quorum was present, a Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting will be made at our June 13, 2024 meeting.

II. Announcements

There were no new announcements presented.

III. Director's Comments

- A. Kathy Dixon reported that van ridership for each month continues to increase greatly and has been almost double for each month this year as compared to the same period last year. Rides in Winthrop are free due to the Grant we recently received.**
- B. Kathy Dixon reported that the 19 recent Tax Lottery participants have all been placed in their respective positions with the Town and that both the participants and the offices where they have been placed are happy.**
- C. Kathy Dixon reported that the Formula Grant has been increased to \$80,000, which is a major increase. She reported that since Covid, the Formula Grant now carries over into the next year.**
- D. Kathy Dixon reported that she will begin looking into arranging the CPR training course that had been suggested at a previous meeting. We will have to determine the cost of such**

a training, and Kathy Dixon indicated she would ask Meredith Hurley if she knew of anyone certified to conduct the course.

- E. Kathy Dixon reported that Mystic Valley Elder Services had experienced a data breach at the beginning of April. She reported that they have a \$1 million dollar policy to address this situation, and they will offer two years of free credit monitoring to those affected by this breach. She indicated MVES will need \$1.5 million dollars to update their system following this breach.
- F. Cynthia Huff asked if there was any update on a recent suggestion to ask a representative of The RIDE to conduct an informational session at the Senior Center. Kathy Dixon will talk to Rose Kay about this suggestion.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathy Driscoll, Secretary, Winthrop Council on Aging

Adopted by the Board at the meeting of
June 13, 2024

Alice Haskell, Chair
Winthrop Council on Aging