

MEETING MINUTES

WINTHROP COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: Robert A. DeLeo Senior Center
35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

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

Absent: Linda Cronin

Call to order at 10:37 AM by Alice Haskell, Chair, Winthrop Council on Aging

I. Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2024, May 9, 2024 and June 13, 2024 meetings was made by Cynthia Huff and seconded by Heather Martin. Minutes of all three meetings were approved.

II. Announcements

There were no new announcements presented.

III. Director's Comments

- A. Kathy Dixon reported that this year's Holiday Party is being sponsored by the Elks and will be held at the Elks on a Sunday afternoon in December. The price will be \$5 per person. The Elks will take care of the arrangements, and all that we will need to do is sign people up and collect the money which will be donated back to the Elks. Kathy Dixon indicated that as the venue will be the Elks, we will be able to have 100 attendees.
- B. Kathy Dixon reported that the Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner hosted by Bill Squires will take place at the beginning of November. Bill Squires will take care of all of the food for this event.
- C. Kathy Dixon provided a recap/update of some items discussed at our previous meeting. She reported that the new roof was completed prior to July 1, 2024. She reiterated that the Formula Grant for this year is \$80,000 which is \$14 per senior. She indicated that the Formula Grant is State money that can be used for enjoyment activities, supplies for trips,

etc. We were able to schedule two Casino trips at a cost of \$5 per person, one in July which went to Plainridge and one in September which will be to Foxwoods. She indicated there are other things that we can buy using the Formula Grant as long as they are put towards entertainment and enjoyment for seniors. She indicated that we have a new 65-inch TV which was paid for with funds donated by a private citizen who donates \$1,000 a year. Alice Haskell asked if private citizens could donate items to the Senior Center; Kathy Dixon indicated that they could as long as they were items that would be for use in the building.

Kathy Dixon reported that the Tax Program continues to be very successful and that everyone is happy with the job placements.

Kathy Dixon reiterated that regarding discussions at previous Council on Aging Meetings with respect to having a representative from The Ride come to the Senior Center for a presentation, The Ride has informed us that they do not provide sessions such as this. Anyone who is interested in applying for The Ride can call to set up an appointment, and a driver from The Ride will pick him/her up to take them to the appointment. Kathy Dixon indicated that Ride participants are allowed to have a companion accompany them.

- D. There was a brief discussion on the role and function of the Council on Aging. Kathy Dixon stated we serve in an advisory capacity and that any suggestions we may have regarding Senior Center activities are very helpful.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, A Motion to Adjourn was made by Cynthia Huff and seconded by Mary Vitale. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Driscoll, Secretary, Winthrop Council on Aging

Adopted by the Board at the meeting of
September 12, 2024

Alice Haskell, Chair
Winthrop Council on Aging