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Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – COA Board Meeting MINUTES

Senior Community Center, Art Room Live video and audio of the meeting will be aired on Comcast Local Channel 18. A recording of the meeting will also be posted on the Town of Acushnet YouTube channel.

Present: Linda Guilbeault, Chair, Joan Howland, Pauline Teixeira, Paulette Hudson

Excused: Jerry Bergeron, Daniel Smith, Deborah Raposa

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Meeting Mail – There was no meeting mail.
3. Minutes -the May 10, 2023 were approved unanimously
4. **Old Business –**
 - Sherriff's Office; Are You Ok? telephone reassurance program ending June 30, 2023. Calls for Acushnet residents will be handled by Acushnet COA reception staff starting July 3rd – a volunteer is needed if this program structure remains the way it is and expands. Automation of this program was discussed and hopefully can be implemented by the Fall. Heather is working with the Town's IT department.
5. **New Business –**
 - Christmas in July, sponsored by PJ Keating will be held on Thursday, July 27th for 50 participants. The COA vans will transport people from the Senior Community Center parking lot to the quarry for a tour and visit with Santa. Lunch will be included. This program will be free for participants.
 - Beach Party Master Zumba Class will be held after hours on Wednesday, July 19th at 4:30 p.m. This high energy, fun Zumba class will be led by two instructors over the course of 90-minutes. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.
 - A presentation about Ukraine, their history, culture and the war effort will be held on

Monday, July 31, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Pre-registration will be appreciated but is not necessary.

- Custodian position/maintenance was discussed. The COA's full time custodian resigned in May. The position cannot be filled because the money was reallocated by the town for the new maintenance department. Heather is now responsible for cleaning bathrooms, room set up and other maintenance. The town is responsible for maintaining the lawn.
- Future Business – The Board voted to not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Chew, Director