

**Board of Director Meeting
March 16, 2022
Acushnet Council on Aging
59 ½ South Main Street
Acushnet MA 02743**

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Present: Linda Guilbeault, Chairperson, Gerry Bergeron, Paulette Hudson, Deborah Raposa, and Heather Chew, Director

**Excused: Pauline Teixeira.
There were no guests present.**

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

The board is looking for two (2) new members.

Old Business:

Mask policy update.

- 1. The Board of Selectmen voted at their meeting on March 15th to cancel the mask mandate at both the ACOA and the library. The COA will support patrons who choose to continue to wear a mask.**
- 2. On December 7, 2021 the COA took possession of a 2014 Ford E350 van. The Board would like to thank SRTA for this generous donation to the town. We would also like to thank Gerry for going to look at the van and checking The condition of the van.**
- 3. Newport Playhouse update: The trip will take place on April 3rd. It was originally scheduled for March 2020 when the pandemic started. This is the first excursion since Covid.**

New Business:

- 1. Clinical agreement with UMass Dartmouth College of Nursing and Health Sciences Nursing students are at the COA every Thursday morning on a group project and Visiting with seniors. Their focus is nutrition and mental health . They will be at the COA from 8:45 A.M. to noon and will be available for B/P. No appointments are necessary.**
- 2. For seniors who wish to know what was happening at the COA during COVID You can go <https://www.southcoasttoday.com/story/lifestyle/2022/coas-westport-acushnet-dartmouth-help-ouy-senior-amid-covid-670819915001/>**
- 3. March for Meals will take place on March 22nd at 9 a.m. at the Coastline Elderly.**

Representative Hendricks, Representative Schmidt and Selectman Desroche will be attending.

- 4. Update on COA staffing: Linda Guilbeault officially retired from her position as receptionist and she will be missed. Charleen Fortin, a long time volunteer and resident of Acushnet started on February 15th.**
- 5. Elder community services program: This program has been approved and Mr. Kelly, interim Town Administrator, will now ask for funding . Senior Citizens Tax Work Off and the Veterans Tax Work Off Programs are available to seniors over the age of 60 and older and to veterans (regardless of age) who own property in select cities and towns in MA and pay real estate Taxes. Veterans who are interested in tax abatements must interview with a Veterans Service Agent.**

For both the Senior Citizens and Veterans Tax Work Off programs must work the specified number of service hours set by their city or town. Individuals can receive up to \$1500.00 in property tax credit minus withholdings This amount will be applied to the participant's property tax bill for the following fiscal year. It is never applied to the current year's property tax bill.

- 6. Coastline Services Board of Directors- Acushnet rep. Vacancy. Deb Raposa has completed her three year term. Is someone would like to be on Coastline The Advisory Board let Heather know. It has one meeting per month.**

Update of driveway:

Gerry spoke with Dan Menard from the DPW who will be fixing the driveways and removing the islands within the yard at the center and repair them,

A motion was made by Paulette Hudson to adjourn and Deborah Raposa seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

The next meeting will be April 13, 2022 at 10: A.M.

Sincerely,


Paulette Hudson

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