



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# TOWN OF ACUSHNET

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**Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

**- COA Board Meeting Minutes -**

Senior Community Center, Rear Activity 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.

**In Attendance:** Linda Guilbeault, Heather Chew (Director), Paulette Hudson, Daniel Smith, Deborah Raposa and Joan Howland

**Excused:** Gerard Bergeron and Pauline Texeira

1. The meeting was called to order 10:05 a.m.

2. Meeting Mail - None

3. Minutes That Need to Be Approved • August 9, 2023. Minutes were read and unanimously approved.

**4. Old Business -**

a. The transportation policy was tabled until the October meeting.

b. Title III grant application was approved by Coastline; Strong Women, Strong Bones will receive \$4,000 to offset the cost of expenses.

c. The Ghost Bike in memory of James Leandre will be dedicated on September 29, 2023

**5. New Business -**

a.) Zumba for breast cancer awareness event will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the COA

b.) Day tour schedule update. Trips will conclude in December. They will resume in March 2024

c.) Umass nursing program MOU – welcome back to senior students who will be onsite at the COA on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will interact with patrons, help with flu clinics, blood pressure screenings, etc.

d.) Dental hygiene program update – The program did not reapply for Title III funding for the coming year and therefor will be on hiatus

e.) Flu clinics – scheduled for October 10, 2023 and sponsored by the Acushnet Board of Health and Public Health Nurse. Appointments available, walk-ins accepted

f.) Emergency alert system – There was discussion of the test that will be held on October 4, 2023. The COA Board explained that this is only a test of the national alert system and that there will be no actual emergency

6. Future Business – Next meeting Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

7. The board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Smith, Secretary