



Board Meeting Minutes of 2/25/2025

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Howe

Voting Members Attending:

Sally Tipton, Gerri Hawn, Denise Orlando, Tom Urmston, Lori Howe

Voting Members Absent (excused): Ken Adams, Pete Hoagland, Pam Sampson

Non-Voting Associate Members Attending: Carole Marple

Non-Voting Associate Members Absent: 0

Staff Attending: Kristina Gallant, Maura Bennett, Melinda Morle

Community Members Attending: 0

Voting Members Absent: 3

Quorum? Yes

In Pete's absence, Sally assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

Minutes

The Board Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2025 were presented for approval. Denise motioned to approve as written, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Although there was no written report, Gerri stated that COA finances are all in order and look good.

Director's Report (see attached documents)

Kristina asked Maura to give an update on *Lifetime Learning*. Maura reported that Climate Change was very well received, with seven in attendance. For the History series there are 34 signed up and for Politics there are already 36. The next Tech class is starting on March 10 and will run four weeks and will address using the iPhone; this is free as it is funded by a grant and Maura expects a good response. Also, sign-ups are starting for Poetry, Native Wildflowers, and Law & Order. There was a question about how we accommodate people who can only attend one or two sessions in a series and Kristina replied that we always give the option to pay by the class.

Kristina continued her report by announcing that the *Adult Resource Fair* is scheduled for April 16 from 12-1:30pm at the Library. Melinda added that she thought last year's Fair went very well, the set-up was good and lunch was well received. Denise asked about using Jackson's Kitchen for lunches and Kristina responded that the food is high quality and the same cost as Roche Bros.

Kristina announced that the Town has hired a new *Veterans Services Officer*, Ian Rogers. Ian has already started and will be in Sherborn every Friday from 8-12. This is a shared position with Medfield and Walpole. Ian's main focus is to help get veterans specific services they need and to understand their benefits. Melinda said that she has identified 94 vets of all ages in town. There is a Veterans Aid & Attendance Program that is available for vets and widows. It is hard to get benefits under this program but it could really help Sherborn residents because the income limits are higher than other programs.

The *Men's Lunch* continues to be well attended. The Ladies Lunch scheduled for March 11th is already full. The next will be a Mother's Day Lunch on May 13 which is still open.

The *Coffee Bar* is still going and will need help on Wednesdays in March and early April. Please let Kristina know if you can cover any of those days.

New Business

Kristina announced that Shruti Panjini has resigned as an Associate Member.

The Sherborn Fire Department will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day lunch on Monday, March 17.

COA's annual Volunteer Appreciation will be held with a brunch on May 6 from 10:30-12 at the Library. Chris Carter will be entertaining guests with his guitar.

On Wednesday, May 7th, Mass. Homeland Security will be presenting a program on Scams. This will be co-sponsored with the Library and held in the Trustees Room.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Sally asked for a motion to adjourn. Gerri motioned to adjourn, Tom seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

Minutes Approved on 3/25/2025. Attachments available upon request.

Meeting Schedule for 2025: 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/27, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, 10/28, 11/25 and December TBD due to holidays.