



Board Meeting Minutes of 5/27/2025

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Howe

Voting Members Attending:

Pete Hoagland, Sally Tipton, Gerri Hawn, Ken Adams, Denise Orlando, Lori Howe

Voting Members Absent: Pam Sampson, Tom Urmston

Non-Voting Associate Members Attending: 0

Non-Voting Associate Members Absent: Carole Marple

Staff Attending: Kristina Gallant, Maura Bennett, Melinda Morle

Community Members Attending: 0 ***Voting Members Absent:*** 2 ***Quorum?*** Yes

Pete called the meeting to order at 9:36am.

Minutes

The Board Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2025 were presented for approval. Sally motioned to approve as written, Denise seconded. There being no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (see attached documents)

Gerri stated that we are nearing the end of the fiscal year. Salaries have been updated through the beginning of May; we will now start taking the Outreach Coordinator salary out of the Formula grant. We still have mileage for April-May-June to recognize which should fully spend that line. COA has received the final payment on the Formula Grant from the State and we've received notice that for next year the State has approved \$16/person for each of our 1,035 town residents who are 60+ years old.

Director's Report (see attached documents)

Kristina began by reporting that the *Planting Seeds for Successful Aging* series at Pilgrim Church was well attended and received mostly positive feedback from attendees and some Board members who participated. Staff are considering combining next year's Speaker Series and Resource Fair into a single program, similar to a "TED Talk" format as they tend to draw a similar audience.

Kristina went on to report on *Lifetime Learning* programs. Jon Huibregtse's four-week History series began last week with a good response and staff are already working on a Fall series with him.

Kristina reported that the Friends have awarded COA funding through December for the Men's and Ladies' Lunches and for another hands-on technical course with KevTech. MCOA will also help cover the Lunch costs through June. Some discussion ensued.

The Coffee Bar will run through June and at that point we will decide whether to continue through the Summer. We have been consistently drawing 12-16 each week.

Kristina highlighted some of the upcoming items presented in her written reports which include:

- ❖ Garden parties on June 2 and June 26
- ❖ Two trips, one June 20 to Newport Flower show and the other July 16 to Lobsters & Laughs in York, Maine.
- ❖ Rob Natoli Swing Band and Lunch coming on June 12
- ❖ Juneteenth presentation by Brenna Greer on June 18 at Noon at the Library.
- ❖ The Sleep talk with Mark Czeisler on Thursday, June 5, at Town Hall.

Open Art Studio is moving along. We're using the Formula grant to help keep it going without charge. At this point, it will on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30pm.

Our Monday Fitness Fun class will be cancelled for July and August and resume in September. We will be trying a pilot in-person exercise program "Sculpt & Stretch" starting July 10 at 2:00pm. This will address all-around fitness and stretching. Participants will be asked to bring a mat and weights if they have them.

Regarding the new Conference Room Furniture, COA staff will be meeting with Jeremy and Town Hall staff to determine what to order.

New Business

There was a discussion about upgrading the microphone used for events and Lifetime Learning classes. Sally and Gerri offered to assist with researching available options. There was no further business.

Adjournment

Pete asked for a motion to adjourn. Gerri motioned, Sally seconded. There being no other discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08am.

Minutes Approved on 6/24/2025. 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.