

Northampton Council on Aging Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2025 5:00 pm

In Person & Virtual:

Online Zoom Teleconference Meeting:

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COA Minutes

Call to Order: Cynthia Langley called the meeting to order @ 5:00 pm

Present: Kim Park, Cynthia Langley, Robert Dionne, Mark Bird, Jeanne Henry Hoose, Michael Ford, Adrienne Andrews

Absent: Anne "Val" Romano, Karen Lynds

Review & approval of November minutes: A motion was made to approve by Michael Ford and 2nd by Robert Dionne. Approved by all members

Friends of the Northampton Senior Center Report

- Representatives were scheduled to attend but needed to cancel due to a last minute change in their schedule. Report will be rescheduled to an upcoming meeting

Director's Report:

- New staff members: Emily Higgins, Program Coordinator: Kay Lutz, Staff Assistant: Sara Webber, Principal Clerk

- Inclement Weather Policy will change to the Senior Center being closed when the city municipal buildings are closed. Staff will work with instructors and inform participants if classes/ events need to be cancelled.
- City Hall has reopened and all departments temporarily located at the Senior Center will be back in their offices no later than 01/10/2025
- Winter Farmers Market will be held this Saturday and every other week through the winter season.
- The senior center will be closed 01/20/ 2025 for observation of Martin Luther King Day.
- An informal Northampton Nostalgia Group will be starting and is designed to share stories about the history of Northampton.
- Fuel assistance applications are still being processed, please call the center for available appointments.
- Enrollment for November/December was 79 new and 11 returning members. Average daily attendance was 162. There were over 800 meals served/picked up.
- Arts Night Out is Friday 01/10/2025 from 5 to 7 PM, future dates are 3/14/2025, 5/9/2025 and 7/11/2025. Council on Aging members are encouraged to attend

Other Agencies and Departments - schedule to attend meetings

- Northampton Chief of Police will present to the Council at the 2/13/2025 meeting. Others to be scheduled are Health and Human Services, Fire and Rescue and Northampton Neighbors.

Highland Valley Elder Services Report

- The needs have increased 20% in the last year and funding was increased to meet this need. Expansion of their physical space is being evaluated. There is an ongoing need for volunteers in many of the programs.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Robert Dionne and seconded by Jeanne Henry Hoose

Meeting adjourned @ 5:32 pm