

**Northampton Council on Aging Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 10th, 2025**  
**5:00 PM**

This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format with the option to attend in person or participate remotely.

In Person: Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz Street, Northampton MA

Online Zoom Teleconference Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81829426100>

Meeting ID: 818 2942 6100    Passcode: 039174

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Cynthia Langley called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm

**Present:** Cynthia Langley, Robert Dionne, Mark Bird, Jeanne Henry Hoose, Michael Ford, Adrienne Andrews, Anne “Val” Romano, Karen Lynds.

**Review and approval of February minutes:** A motion was made to approve by Robert Dionne, seconded by Anne “Val” Romano. Approved by all members.

**Report from the Friends of the Northampton Senior Center**

- Report was given by Glafyra Ennis-Yentsch, President. Also in attendance: Joanne Brooks and Eileen Buckowski
- Update on the Golf tournament which will be on May 19, 2025.
- Discussion on the goals which are to advocate for seniors and do fundraising to support the mission of the Senior Center.  
Transportation needs have been a focus.

## **Director's Report**

- The Senior Center will be closed in observation of Patriots' Day on April 21, 2025.
- For the month of April, there is a box in the lobby for donations for the Food Bank. This is coordinated by the Northampton Department of Health and Human Services.
- The donation table normally in the foyer has been removed and is under review due to concerns around some donations such as expired food items, etc.
- March average daily attendance was 194 with 56 new members joining from March until April 10th.
- Appointments for Fuel Assistance will continue through May 2025.
- The Volunteer Fair was held on April 10th and was well attended.
- The Annual Health and Safety Fair will be on May 21st.
- Chat with the Chief of Police will be on April 25th.
- YMCA will be starting a new class: Stretch and Soothe.
- The first Friday each month the Senior Center Program Coordinator, Emily Higgins, will hold a "Verbal Suggestion Box" to gather input and suggestions on programming.

## **Update on other agencies and City Departments attending meetings**

- Northampton Fire Rescue is scheduled for May and Northampton Neighbors is scheduled for June

## **Highland Valley Elder Services Report**

- Funding issues are being explored and monitored given new federal mandates.

**Next Meeting:** May 8, 2025 at 5:00 pm

## **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Michael Ford and seconded by Jeanne Henry Hoose.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm