

Northampton Council on Aging Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 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?pwd=VGEEyaUxLRDNBSW1yVU4wVDVINHhUZz09>

Meeting ID: 818 2942 6100 Passcode: 039174

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Cynthia Langley called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Present: Cynthia Langley, Robert Dionne, Mark Bird, Jeanne Henry Hoose, Karen Lynds

Absent: Michael Ford, Adrienne Andrews, Anne “Val” Romano

Report from Northampton Fire Rescue

- Report was given by Assistant Chief Matt Lemberg
- A range of programs were discussed including the Senior SAFE Program, Residential Lockbox Program, Smoke and CO Detector Inspections and Home Safety Inspections
- Incident Statistics were discussed
- File of Life was discussed
- Discussion of the role of Fire Rescue in emergency and non-emergency situations

Review and Approval of April Minutes: A motion was made to approve by Robert Dionne, seconded by Karen Lynds. Approved by all members.

Director's Report

- The Age and Dementia Friendly Northampton Municipal Assessment was selected as a great practice that will be featured in Massachusetts' updated age- and dementia-friendly plan titled, *ReiMagine Aging 2030: The Massachusetts Plan*. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission assisted the Age and Dementia Friendly Northampton Steering Committee in the development of the checklist.
- Thanks was shared for the Senior Center team for their work and dedication
- From October to April, the Senior Center was the top destination for the transportation program taxi rides, accounting for 15.03% of all rides
- The Senior Center is closed Monday, May 26th for the holiday
- In April, there were 61 new members and the average daily attendance was 193. Fridays were the busiest day with an average attendance of 236)
- The Artists of the Month and Author of the Month programs were discussed
- Upcoming Programs were discussed

Update on other agencies and City Departments attending meetings

- Northampton Neighbors is scheduled for June 12th
- The Council unanimously agreed to cancel the meeting in July

Highland Valley Elder Services Board Update

- Update provided by Robert Dionne
- Contracts and funding was discussed
- Meals continue to be an important service with approximately 1,200 meals served a day across the service area

Next Meeting: June 12, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Adjournment

Motion was made by Robert Dionne and seconded by Karen Lynds
Meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm