**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**
Minutes October 10, 2023 10:35 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Nancy Butler, Cindy Bloomquist, Geri Cellini, Inez Murphy Members Absent: Dottie Martel
Friends of COA Present: Geri Cellini, Cindy Bloomquist, Helen Reynolds
Guests: John and Brenda Traynor
Staff Present: Jean Pacheco

1. **Opening**: Chair Nancy Butler opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

2. **Minutes**: September minutes were approved as written.

3. **Reports**:
A. Business Report – Jean Pacheco
 1. Warrants for September: $409.47
 2. Pantry served 27 people, 20 households including two new households.
B. Friend’s Report

1) Bank Balance $5,906.80. The raffle held at October 4th luncheon raised $105, less luncheon expenses

2) Friends will discuss increasing snow removal reimbursement and purchasing GATRA multi-ride tickets ($15) at their next meeting.

C. OCES Report – None.

D. Director's Report – None. Director is on vacation.

E. BOS Report – John Traynor updated the Board on BOS/Town activities

1. JT urged everyone to attend the Special Town Meeting on October 18th. The only warrant article is an amendment to the SLRSD agreement.
2. A property known as the Tom Bowes building has been in disrepair for years. Plans are in place to raze the structure.
3. Other topics mentioned: Town Complex well, MBTA zoning, Deborah Sampson stamp, Harry Jason Park, Elm/Winnetuxet bridge replacement, and roof repair on the old town barn on Center Street by Steve Lyons.

4. **Other Business:**

1. GATRA bus service was briefly discussed
2. December 13 Holiday Lunch at the Upland Club. We will ask people to bring an item or two for the food pantry. Sarah Troxler will lead a Christmas sing-along after the roast beef dinner.
3. The November 8th topic for the Health Ed/Ask a Nurse Session with Nurse Pat will be Caregivers.
4. A motion was made to change the monthly COA Board meetings from the second Monday of the month to the second Tuesday. This decision will be revisited as schedules change again. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 10:30

Minutes were prepared by Geri Cellini and transcribed by COA staff.