

Harvard Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Guy Oliva, Beth Williams, Margaret Murphy, Kim Schwarz, Kelene Blumstein, Chet Hooper, Carl Sciple, Wade Holtzman, and Debbie Thompson (COA director).

Other attendees: Heide Siegrist and Barbara Cerva, Hank Fitek (Friends of Harvard COA)

Absent: Nancy Webber, Lynne Musto-Pesa

The meeting was called to order at about 4:06 pm by Guy Oliva.

The minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting were approved.

Debbie Thompson submitted her director's report. In addition, she reported that the Rollstone Bank will present a fraud prevention program on March 7, 2023.

A podiatrist will be offering treatments at the Council on Aging at a charge of \$40 for 15 minute appointments at Hildreth House on March 24, 2023.

The March newsletter will include instructions to sign up for "Blackboard," a reverse 911 call from our Emergency Management Director.

Margaret Murphy submitted the Treasurer report as of February 7, 2023. She also reported that the Finance Committee has received answers to their questions on the budget for 2024.

Appointment of new Board Members. According to our bylaws, Carl Sciple and Nancy Weber must step out for a year. We need two new members. A volunteer form may be found on the Town of Harvard website.

The new building: Our move to the new building is scheduled for March 2023. Guy reported that the kitchen appliances have been delivered; the bathroom fixtures have been installed but the water has not yet been turned on. The new building should be ready in 3 or 4 weeks. The building is equipped with a generator sufficient only to power the refrigerators and heating system. The Fire Department is looking into grants to purchase a larger generator.

Heidi Siegrist from the Friends of the COA reported that she has received many questions about the new building, particularly questions concerning the large room. Many questioners wanted to know whether the large room could be divided by a temporary wall. Guy explained that a temporary wall could not be installed because of the shape of the roof. Guy and Debbie volunteered to answer any question Heidi receives. Heidi can direct questioners to Guy and / or Debbie.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm