

Harvard Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Guy Oliva, Beth Williams, Margaret Murphy, Nancy Webber, Carl Sciple, Kim Schwarz, Kelene Blumstein, Chet Hooper, Lynne Musto-Pesa, Debbie Thompson

Absent: Wade Holtzman

The meeting was called to order at about 4:02 pm by Guy Oliva.

Debbie Thompson submitted her Director's Report and brought some future events to the Board's attention. There will be a "restaurant review" at Osawa in Ayer at noon on December 28, 2022. There will be a talk on memory loss at noon on January 5, 2023 at Nashoba Park. A "spa day" will be held from 10:00 am to noon on January 9, 2022. At noon on January 10, 2023 a "Farewell to Hildreth House" will be held at Hildreth House with a special lunch and music. On January 12, 2023, at 4:00 pm "Meditation in Motion" with Barbara Rich will be held on Zoom.

Debbie Thompson will be on vacation from December 26, 2022, until January 5, 2023.

Margaret Murphy submitted the Treasurer's report. She received the information from the town the week before the December 20 meeting and determine from the town how the town is preparing their reports. The COA assets have increased from \$13,000 to \$22,000. Our income and expenses are within our budget. We anticipate expenses of \$9,089 for the new building. Our budget includes \$31,632 in formula grants.

Guy Oliva reported the status of the new building. Flooring is being installed in the large room. The contractor posts pictures of the construction of the new building on the contractor's website. Construction should be completed in February 2023 with a move in during March 2023. The town will hook up Wi-Fi in the building. We need to find a cleaning company or custodian, which will be paid from COA's budget. We are examining samples of tables for the large room. We need to determine the name of the new building. The choices have been narrowed to "Harvard Adult Center" or "Harvard Senior Center." A decision will be made soon; signs need to be prepared soon.

The town reports that 1,848 seniors, those of age 60 and older live in Harvard. The total number of residents is 1605 (as of 1/3/23 from town clerk). That makes the total number of seniors more than 30% of the population.

The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm.