

COMBINED MEETING OF THE BCOA BOARD OR DIRECTORS AND FRIENDS OF THE BCOA BOARD –  
November 3, 2025

Board: J. Fuller-Jones, D. Andrews, R. Beauchesne, H. Soones, H. Beasley, P. Beckner(E), C. DeLorey, R.Graham, M. James, G. Koelsch , A. McCormack (E), M. Shepard,  
Friends: F. Zakszewsk(E)i, M. Young(A) L. Dykes(A), V. Green(A), M. Badgio, G. Burman, L. Burman, D. Clinton, M. Howard(E), D. Langer(A), S.Larke(A), L. Reddin  
Legend-E-Excused, A-Absent.

The Minutes of October 6 Board meeting were approved by members of the board.

Treasure's Report = \$20,300.12 was presented and approved by members of the Board.

Chair's Report: (. The Chairs report was approved by Board Members.)

Two items to share. First the Open House at the West Fire Station was blast. In addition to myself (Chair) several board and staff members assisted including Bob, Harriet and Lauren. Children participated in in several activities including put out fires, (The fires were fake but the water was real), An excellent presentation by the Fire Department as families and children had a lot of fun. So next year take advantage of this opportunity, a great day so thanks to all who were able to help because it is one of our main jobs.

Second, Our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be coming up this spring. There will be a planning committee meeting on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Several people have expressed interest in this and have lots of ideas and suggestions

The Chair then announced, "For those of you who missed it The Mass Council on Aging Director of the year." That says a lot about Janice and her ability to lead a team.

Congratulations and Thank You. (The participants provided a round of applause!)

Director's Report: The following items were discussed: (and approved).

Thanks to the A-Team as they make the Director look good. Topics reviewed:

- New Outreach Coordinator Richard (Rick) Alvarnaz. Joins us with over 2 years of experience at Old Colony Elderly services.
- SNAP benefits are on hold due to Government Showdown and meetings planned with Mayor and Others to find solutions to the shutdown impact.
- Thank You to Christina for doing an amazing job in the Pumpkin decorating contest.
- Participating at the MCOA conference was a humbling experience and was honored to be recognized as the COA Director of the year. Lots of good information during the 3 day conference.
- Mission Statement was accepted by the City Council and being passed to all members
- A new policy on Political activity within the COA was passed out to Members. The plan is to have members review it and discuss it at the next meeting.
- Health News. Working on an agreement with the American Heart Association to have a Blood Pressure monitor in the health room. No cost to us and staff will be trained.
- Lastly, thanks to all the Veterans.

Assistant Director Report: The following items were discussed: (And approved)

- Applications are being accepted thru the end of the month for the Senior Property Tax Write off. Individuals need to be over 60 and have volunteered more than 100 hours during the year.
- Open Enrollment appointments are full. This is challenging for individuals seeking assistance as currently the only recourse is to contact Medicare.

Program Activities: The following topics presented by Christina were reviewed: (and approved)

- Election day Tuesday, Staff is present but office is closed.
- Thursday Nov 6 at 9 AM is the Veteran's Breakfast
- Volunteer appreciation is Friday Nov. 14 at 1:30
- Special Dull Men's Club Breakfast at My Three Sons on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Silver Moon Gypsies will perform for the Women's Circle also on the 24<sup>th</sup>
- Signups for the Martha Washington Bedchamber are being accepted.
- Mahjong lessons have been added, they are by appointment only.
- A detailed listing of 14 activities was prepared and reviewed by Macey

New Business:

An application for the City of Brockton and the Council on Aging to become age friendly as noted on the bottom of our newsletter. There is much that needs to be done to accomplish this and material was handed out outlining some of the activities that need to be accomplished. Volunteers are needed and most importantly someone to help lead the effort. More at the next meeting.

Next meeting Dec 1st at 10:AM. Meeting Minutes recorded by the Secretary (rcb)