

Council on Aging Meeting
3/3/21 Minutes

1. Call to order [at 1:35](#)
2. Reading of Open Meeting Law by Chair, Mary Anne Easley
3. Establish quorum (present)
 - a. Mary Anne Easley - chair
 - b. Alison K. Forsgren - vice chair
 - c. Diane Flaherty - secretary
 - d. Vanessa Larrabee
 - e. Judith Perkins
 - f. Suzi Spring

Staff present: Laura Stewart

Jerico Mele (Director of Human Services)

Not present:

Linda Williams

Kendra Lockley

4. Approval of minutes for February 3, 2021 motion made by Suzi to approve after revisions are made, seconded by Alison, unanimous vote, motion carries
4. Public Comment - None
4. Official business
 - a. Plan for Seniors of The Year. Plans to get nomination applications out to the public via radio spots, flyers, Daybreak & Inquirer & Mirror. Applications [due April 30, 2021](#)
 - b. Inquirer and Mirror coverage of Senior community presented by Judith Perkins. Mariane Stanton is interested in having a column twice a month. Perhaps have a contest to title the column and the winner will receive a subscription to the paper. She will be looking for a writer to be paid twice a month, \$125.00 per article. Marry Anne Easley will write the first one.
 - c. Report on Human Services and Covid 19 Task Force - presented by Jerico Mele
- i. NRTA is providing transportation to VFW for vaccines.
- ii. Jericho will be meeting with the Board of Health in preliminary plans to open the Saltmarsh.
- d. Report of Saltmarsh Programs during pandemic by Laura Stewart (program coordinator)
- i. Supper drive throughs continue every Thursday
- ii. BCBS webinar was Tuesday, March 2nd at 10:30
- iii. Hearing Life - Monday, March 8th - 11:30-2:30
- iv. Cooking with Alice - Wednesday, March 17 @ 1:00

- v. St. Patrick's Day Music with Paul, March 17 @ 2:30
- vi. BCBS Webinar - March 23rd at 2:30
- vii. Saltmarsh has 2 Samsung Galaxy tablets with data. They will be loaned for a two week period of time.
- viii. Helping field calls about vaccine & gateway information
- ix. Floor Installation is complete. Computers, phones and wifi are up and running.
 - e. Update on Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands presented by Alison Forsgren; The meetings continue to be very informative, with nothing to report to date.
 - f. Update on Arts & Crafts with Elizabeth Congdon presented by Alison Forsgren. They are hoping to receive a grant and have "crafty classes", when it is safe to do so. Laura may put information in the weekly newsletter to try to get an estimate of interested participants. COA would like that information before asking NCEA for any funds.
 - g. Update on NCEA activities by Mary Anne Easley. They are still working on improvements to the Saltmarsh and she will continue to keep COA informed.
- 4. Other business - Jericho, Laura & Ginny will continue preliminary meetings with Health DEpartments regarding opening of Saltmarsh.
- 4. Adjournment - motion to adjourn made by Diane, seconded by Suzy - vote was unanimous, motion carried - adjourned [at 3:00 PM](#).