

**Council on Aging
Board Meeting Minutes April 3 , 2024**

Members Present: Mary Anne Easley, Abby Camp, Judith Perkins , Rocky Fox, Robert Kucharavy, Erin Lynch, Linda Williams, and Arlene O'Reilly.

Staff Present: Jerico Mele. Laura Stewart

Guest Speaker: Craig Piper, Design architect in charge of the new Island Home Building

Meeting called to order 3 pm, hybrid, in-person and remotely online.

Approval of Agenda: Bob moved to accept; Abby seconded. All approved.

Review of the Minutes:

March minutes were approved.

1. Mary Anne:

- Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm
- Roll call
- Approval of agenda – all approved

Mary Anne introduced Craig Piper to present design concepts of the new Island Home Project. Craig gave a power point presentation and reviewed his firm credentials including:

Steering Committee

Advisory Work Group

History of annual meetings regarding OIH

Complete overview and Studies for “lens to make decisions”

Review of stake holders and meetings timeline

Goal - is to have total contraction cost in 2025

Further discussions on Skilled Nursing Care requirements

Reviewed Proposed Site Plans, Floor Plans, & Care Model, further discussions

Sustainability Overview

Project Budget includes entire scope of project beyond the building itself

Mary Anne suggested they attend the Senior Expo in October.

2. Mary Anne: update on Senior Man and Woman of the year - picking winners at next meeting in May. Asked Laura for an update on how many nominations.

1. Laura: 16 so far.

2. Reviewed guidelines with Jerico.

3. Elder Expo: Mary Anne gave Update, working on vendor lists and committee meeting intel.

4. JERICO:

1. Working on Human Services process review around the grant system for the island

2. Participating in the Strategic plan - Healthy and Vibrant Community Column
3. Looking into partnerships with senior focused nonprofits to do additional outreach to potentially do some additional communication. Discussed further details for overall improvements of services for seniors. Speaking with John, who is president of NCEA.
4. Focused on staffing as well.
5. Respiratory disease is going down.

5. LAURA:

1. Open to questions on her report. All good.
 - Comments on NCEA “going gangbusters” on supplementing events that are well attended.

6. TRANSPORTATION GRANT:

1. Update – CONCLUDED. It was very popular, we helped 26 senior individuals with an average of \$184 reimbursement for travel on or off island. Thanks to NCEA making it possible to manage the money and reimburse in a timely manner.
2. Mary Anne attended many meetings of transportation for seniors of other councils, learning a great deal. Mentioned video made by Brookline Council on Aging teaching seniors how to use Uber and Lyft. It was created with a expert on how seniors learn. Looking into getting this video available at the Saltmarsh. Further discussions on continuing this program for off island medical trips that are so expensive. Further discussions on grants for senior services.

8) Questions or comments:

Bob motioned to adjourn. Linda Seconded it.

All adjourned.