

Groton Council on Aging
 The Groton Center 163 W Main Street
 Groton, Massachusetts 01450
 Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2022

Date: Monday, September 12, 2022	
Time: 1 pm	
Location: The Center	
Attendance: Board Members: Paula Martin, Mihran Keoseian, Michelle Collette, Peter Cunningham, Thérèse Keoseian, Pascal Miller, Judith Palumbo O'Brien, Dottie Zale, Michael Bouchard (via Zoom), Ashley Shaheen, COA Director, Guests: Jan Dillon, Peg & Harris McQuade, Susan Houde, Ana Eliot, Cindy Boyle, Lisa Murray & Connie Sartini, representing The Groton Herald, Judy Anderson	
Facilitator(s): Paula Martin, Mihran Keoseian	
Recording of Meeting Minutes: Therese Keoseian, Next Recorder: TBN	
Agenda Items	NOTES
1. Welcome & Opening Remarks— Open Meeting	Paula Martin welcomed all in attendance, including all Non-Profit Representatives.
2. Presentation of July Special Meeting Minutes	Approved & seconded...Minutes reflect the addition of Michelle Collette & Michael Bouchard as newcomers to the COA Bd.
3. Meeting Time & Dates (Revisited due to new members)	It was decided to maintain the current meeting time of the second Monday of the month at 1:00 pm unless it falls on a holiday.
4. Designated Recorder: (Requested by board member(s))	The board request was to have a staff member scribe meeting notes for future minutes. Ashley suggested a volunteer. She will speak to a staff member regarding the recording of minutes before deferring to a volunteer.

<p>5. Room Use Policy & Usage: (Due to concerns by Community Groups)</p>	<p>Several non-profit representatives were present at this meeting to voice concerns over a pending policy change regarding Center usage as well as difficulty experienced in securing space. They shared how The Center is utilized by their groups and the typical scheduling times. Mihran read a prepared statement regarding how the current building use policy was revised and when (Attached). He also referenced wording that was contained within the warrant article that was approved by voters when the Building Committee sought approval of The Groton Center. That wording specifically referred to The Groton Center as a Community Center.</p>
<p>6. Noteworthy Center Highlights & Updates</p>	<p>Ashley read notes from her last monthly Center report. (Attached)</p>
<p>7. Center Accreditation Next Steps</p>	<p>Ashley informed the group that she has requested an extension of the accreditation process at the request of Paula and Mihran. The submission deadline will be June 2023. There will be 9 committees formed to address the individual standards to be headed by each of the COA Board Members. Paula & Mihran will meet with Ashley to review the process and committee formation. We are presently one of nine accredited COA'S in MA.</p>
<p>8. Grounds Updates:</p>	<p>Mihran provided a quick update on the grounds which included the start date of the lead remediation process. The next site planning committee meeting will be held on 9/22; Don Black, Park Commissioner has been invited to attend.</p>
<p>9. Other Matters:</p>	<p>None Were Presented</p>
<p>10. Final Comments / Discussion:</p>	<p>None Were Offered</p>
<p>11. Next Meeting Dates:</p>	<p>October 17th @ 1:00</p>
<p>12. Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approx. 3:15 pm.</p>