**Groton Council on Aging**

**The Groton Center
163 W Main Street
Groton, Massachusetts 01450
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

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| **Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 |
| **Time:** 3:00 p.m. |
| **Location:** The Groton Center |
| **Attendance: COA Board Members:** Mihran Keoseian, Vice Chair; Michael Bouchard; Michelle Collette; Peter Cunningham; Therese Keoseian; Pascal Miller; Judith Palumbo O’Brien; Dottie Zale. **COA Staff:**  Ashley Shaheen, COA Director.  |
| **Facilitator(s):** Mihran Keoseian |
| **Agenda Items** | **NOTES** |
| 1. Open Meeting
 | Mihran Keoseian opened the meeting at 2:59 p.m. |
| 1. COA Board Reconfiguration (Vote Required)
 | Mihran Keoseian and other board members acknowledged the hard work and dedication of Paula Martin, the outgoing COA Board Chair. Judith Palumbo O’Brien nominated Mihran Keoseian to be the new Chair; Peter Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 6 members voting in favor of it; Therese Keoseian abstained from the vote. Michael Bouchard nominated Pascal Miller to be the Vice Chair; Michelle Collette seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. |
| 1. Other Business/Next Meeting
 | Michelle Collette shared an update on a grant program called National Fitness Centers that is sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. BC/BS contacted Becky Pine, who then reached out to Michelle to discuss it. BC/BS will give a grant of $50,000 to install an outdoor activities court. The thought is that this might be appropriate for the Sportsman’s Club property. The full cost of the court would be $150,000, so the funding of $100,000 would still have to be established. The BC/BS representative is encouraging the Town to apply for this grant (by March 7, 2023), with the understanding that the Town would not have access to the funds until 2024, which gives the Town the option to pursue CPC funding. The board discussed the fact that the Town does not own the property yet—the sale should be finalized by the end of the summer. It was agreed that there was nothing to lose by submitting the application now. Becky Pine is taking the lead.Ashley Shaheen pointed out that interest forms/applications are being accepted at Town Hall for the vacancy on the COA Board (the open term will end June 30, 2024). The next Council on Aging Board Meeting will be on Monday, March 27th, at 1:00 p.m. at The Groton Center. |
| 1. Adjourn
 | Therese Keoseian made a motion to adjourn; Peter Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 3:25 p.m. |