**COA Board Minutes October 21, 2024**

Location: The Groton Center

Time: 1:00 P. M.

Board Members in Attendance: Tony Serge, Vice Chair; Judy Palumbo O’Brien; Berta Erickson; Dottie Zale; Lois Young; Carole Carter; COA Director, Nicole Savala

Special Guests: Kara Fossey, Executive Director, Groton Historical Society; Charlotte Weigel, Charlotte Steves, Ken Horton, Climate Action Working Group; Rod Hersh, Groton Electric Light

Open Meeting: The meeting was officially started at 1:04 P. M. by Tony Serge, Vice Chair

Review of August 12th minutes and September 24th minutes. The September minutes, as amended with minor spelling changes, and the September 24th minutes were reviewed and approved.

Nicole Savala gave a director’s update including: organizing a lunch and learn about the Climate Working Group for seniors at The Center; looking into hearing assistance technology options for our meetings; checking with Gibbet Hill regarding volunteer needs for the Thanksgiving dinner event. There were 1400 sign-ins in September. Main Street Bank provides $600 per year for luncheons and the first luncheon was well attended and received positive feedback. There are now nine van drivers. There is still a need for more van drivers.

Strategic Plan working group to meet after the holidays to review and update the plan.

January luncheon working group to plan January 27th COA Board introduction event.

Checking with Mark Haddad to see if seniors can have input on the town charter review process.

Discussion on challenges faced by the community due to the closure of Nashoba Vslley Medical Center.

Next meeting scheduled for November 18th at 1 P. M.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:11 P. M.