**COA Board Minutes April 14, 2025**

**Location: The Groton Center**

**Time: 1 P. M.**

**Board Members in attendance: Pascal Miller, Chair; Tony Serge, Vice Chair; Nicole Sarvela, Director; Judy Palumbo; Berta Erickson; Lois Young; Michelle Collette; Carole Carter**

**Special Guests: Tom Pistarino, Lynn Pistarino, Friends of Groton Elders**

**Open Meeting: The meeting officially started at 1:05 P. M. by Pascal Miller**

**Review of February 10, 2025 minutes. Minutes reviewed and approved with two abstentions (Berta Erickson and Judy Palumbo) There were no minutes for the March meeting, which did not take place due to a lack of a quorum.**

**Friends of Groton Elders: 500 tri-folders were finished. Memorandum of Understanding has been updated.**

**FY26 Proposed Budget Review. Spreadsheet reviewed. Revised spreadsheet sent to Board with correction.**

**Director’s Report: New Transportation Coordinator position approved (15 hours per week). Groton Senior Dinner was a huge success with 70 attendees. Another one is planned for the fall. There is a dementia-friendly book swap in the entryway. The transportation program provided 453 rides in March and there were nearly 2,000 sign-ins for programs. A new monthly lunch program charging $4 will be piloted in May and June.**

**Squanacook Sportsmen’s Club: No report.**

**Groton Center Community Liaison: No report.**

**AARP Tax Program: 128 tax returns prepared and filed. 136 appointments completed.**

**TREAD Update: No report.**

**Upcoming Community Events: Arbor Day celebration honoring Tom Delaney’s retirement.**

**Future Meeting Time: Monday, May 12, 2025 at 1 P. M.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:37 P. M.**