

## COA/LCC Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2024

10:30 AM

Lancaster Community Center

Café Room



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Meeting ID: 812 0736 6423      Passcode: 016461

### Members:

	Present	Absent
Nicole Kanis – Chair	x	
Linda Cutler	x	
Frank MacGrory	x	
Roberta Winsor		x
Kendra Dickinson	x	

### Others present:

- Kelly Dolan, Director of Health and Human Services
- Caitlin Roy, Social Services Coordinator, HHS
- Roy Rezac
- Mary Anne Cleary
- Debbie Gledhill
- Susan Munyon
- Deb D'Eramo via ZOOM

**Meeting called to order by Nicole Kanis at 10:00am.**

### Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the November meeting were unanimously approved without any corrections.

### COA Board Members

- The board discussed the passing of long-time member, Jay Moody and discussed ways to honor his memory. It was determined that the game of horseshoes would be installed behind the LCC as this was a goal of Jay's. A plaque was also discussed.

**Department of Health and Human Services**

- Caitlin Roy discussed upcoming February and March programming including a Valentine's Day Breakfast and the Irish American Step Dancers returning to the LCC.
- Kelly Dolan presented information on the Senior Tax Work Off Program. She noted that there are currently 8 available positions and 7 of these are filled. The open position is at the Library.
- The Town is actively looking to identify additional positions to allow for more usage and benefit.
- Kelly is working with the Assessor's Office to schedule a date for a Lunch and Learn to promote the program and for the public to gain a better understanding of the program.
- Kelly announced three new hires. John Hakala was hired as a Van Driver, Tim Sheppple as Recreation Program Administrator and Chris Davis as Veterans' Service Officer. Chris will be working 12 hours weekly allowing more access for Lancaster's 298 Veterans.
- Kendra Dickinson reported that she works closely with a non-profit Veteran's organization and will connect with Chris regarding collaboration.
- To maintain uniformity with council and committee meetings, COA meetings will now be held in the Nashaway Room in the Prescott Building starting in March.

**Public Comment Period**

- Roy Rezac informed/introduced members of the committee to the COA and discussed the Tax Fairness Committee's dedication to promoting the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit.
- Linda Cutler inquired about the R U OK program. Kelly Dolan shared that this was researched at length. This would need to be a regional project; however, there is not enough interest from other towns due to historically low enrollment.

Next Meeting is scheduled on 3/18/24 at 10:00AM in the Nashaway Room in the Prescott Building.

Meeting Adjourned 11:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Roy

Social Services Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services