

Kingston Council on Aging  
Secretary Report  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Meeting held on June 14, 2022  
(minutes approved by vote at the meeting held on 7/12/22)

Meeting was called to order at 11:30  
Pledge of Allegation was recited.  
Thank you, PAC TV,

Board Members present, Joseph Favaloro, Chairman, Austin Sennett, Vice Chairman, Mary Hayes, Secretary, Joan Hutchison, Wes Meiggs, Caty Starr, and Maureen Elwood.  
Also Present, Shelly Loring, Friends Group, and Jeanne and Stacey from Gatra, and Robert Golden as a observer.

### **Open Forum**

**Directors Report** was presented by Interim Director, Brenda Fitzgerald. Report was prepared by Paula Rossi Clapp as she was Director for the month of May. Copy attached

**Secretary Report** - A motion to accept the May Secretary's report was made by Caty Starr and seconded by Maureen Elwood. All in favor.

**Chairman's Report**, (copies herewith) - Joe Favaloro presented his report which included foods that make you hungrier and summer skin hazards.

GATRA - Jeanne LaFerrera and Stacey discussed why residents should be calling Gatra directly to schedule a ride instead of calling the Kingston COA. Any town that contributed to MBTA but didn't receive services are able to apply to Gatra for transportation services, provided through a state ordinance. Prior to 2020, all transportation was provided by the KCOA. Now all calls for through Gatra directly to centralize routes and provide more efficient transportation. The Town of Kingston subsidizes all rides for Kingston residents. The Gatra contract with the Town will be renewed effective 7/1/2022. Gatra currently serves 29 communities.

Shelly Loring, the VP of the Friends Group, brought us up to date on the Friends of the KCOA activities. Their monthly meetings are on the second Friday of each month at 1pm. Membership is always open, and donations are greatly appreciated. The offer a Tea on the second Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome, but need to sign up in advance. Thursday 6/16 lunch will celebrate Father's Day. There will be an ice cream truck later in the month and an ice cream social. Watch for the sign ups. Planning is underway for the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

At the most recent BOS meeting, the BOS decided not to vote on the Advisory Boards Policies and Procedures because they felt the Policies were too closely similar to what By-Laws would

be. They suggested we revisit our By-Laws to decide if those should be updated, as well, before finalizing the Policies and Procedures. The original members of the Policies and Procedures Working Group agreed to continue working on these topics.

**KCOA Board Elections:**

Mary Hayes is retiring from the Advisory Board.

New member candidate, Donna Weinberg, has expressed interest in joining the board. Donna is the former Project Coordinator for the Marshfield Council on Aging. She currently volunteers at the KCOA in the kitchen and delivering Meals on Wheels. Kathy LaNatra, State Representative, also expressed interest but respectfully withdrew her consideration before the Board voted.

Caty Starr made a motion to accept Donna as a new member. Seconded by Mary Hayes. All in favor.

Joe Favaloro made a motion to allow Caty Starr as the board's new Chairman. Caty respectfully declined.

Motion to accept Joe as Chairman for another term was made by Joan Hutchinson, seconded by Austin Sennett. All in Favor.

Motion to accept Austin Sennett as Vice Chair was made by Joe Favaloro, seconded by Wes Meiggs. All in Favor.

Motion to accept Caty Starr as Secretary was made by Joe Favaloro, seconded by Wes Meiggs. All in Favor.

The hourly rate for the Media and Marketing position was on the agenda but determined that this discussion would be held in Executive Session because it pertains to personnel issues. Date was set for Executive Session on 6/17 @ 11am.

Discussion was had about whether or not to form a working group to actively pursue new members of the Board. After discussion, it was decided not to form a working group but instead everyone would take a more active role in discussion the need and benefits of being on the Board with COA members.

Brief discussion about new KCOA Director's position. Joe and Austin were part of the interview committee. After several applications were submitted and reviewed, 3 people were interviewed, 2 people recommended to Keith Hickey. Decision will be made and recommended to the Board of Selectman at their next meeting.

Motion to Adjoin was made by Mary Hayes and seconded by Maureen Elwood. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caty Starr, Secretary

Next meeting will be July 12, 2022 @ 11:30 at COA Senior Center and/or ZOOM