

**Council on Aging Board Meeting
Milano Center
May 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

ATTENDEES

Board Members

John Capuano, David Kourtz, Greg DeLaurier, Kristin Thorp, Margaret Ivins, Ellen Cobau

Absent

Janet Nevin

Other Attendees

COA Director Stacey Minchello, Milano Center Manager Erica Brown

Minutes of the Feb 16, 2023, March 16, 2023 and April 25, 2023 Board meetings

Move to accept all 3, seconded and approved with 4 votes for and 2 abstentions

Executive Directors Report – in meeting packet

Move to accept as presented, seconded and approved unanimously

Strategic Planning Report – People’s Engagement – document handed out at meeting (attached)

David Kourtz reviewed and assigned mentors to the two new members. Kristin will work with Ellen, and David will work with Margaret.

Friends of Milano Center – Stacey reported

Passing citywide yard sale to Melrose High Bandaiders.

Old Business

- Discussed UMass Boston Needs Assessment Stakeholder Interviews with 6 – 7 people with authority in city. Proposed slate – COA Director Stacey Minchello, Melrose Fire Chief Ed Collina, Melrose Police Chief Kevin Faller, Melrose Director of Planning and Community Development Denise Gaffey, MA State Rep Kate Lipper-Garabedian, Mayor Paul Brodeur, Melrose City Councillor who chairs the HEW committee Manjula Karamcheti (we originally thought it was Maya Jamaledine). Moved, seconded and approved unanimously.
- Next step is Community Groups – Stacey will send criteria for groups and board members will send suggestions within the week. Will use Google Form and also allow email responses.

New Business

- Janet Nevin will be removed as soon as she confirms.
- Kate Lipper-Garabedian has proposed \$25K in the state budget for Milano Center driveway lighting.
- Will add a Budget 101 session to the June meeting.
- Correcting Board listing.
- Motion to change meeting time to 8 am on the third Thursday of the month (except July and Aug) seconded and approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be held at Milano Center 201 West Foster St 2nd Floor Conference Room at 8 am on Thursday June 15, 2023.

Meeting adjourned 10:05 am – moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

Submitted by Kristin Thorp