

# Commission On Aging

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## Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2023

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**Commission Members present:** Gary James Kelly – Chair, Eugenia Perry – Secretary, Maria Potvin, Anita Morrison, Lorraine Kraft, Kathy LaBranche, and Jim Sundin

**Absent:** None

**Guests attending:** Donna Wilson

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 2:10 pm

**Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report:** Eugenia read the minutes of our June meeting. Anita made a motion to accept and Lori seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary read the Treasurer's report and provided the balances of all accounts for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. Anita made a motion to accept and Eugenia seconded.

**Old Business:** Gary stated that he, Lori, and Jim attended the Juneteenth event, handed out surveys, and answered questions. He noted that Eugenia, Donna, and he made personal donations to Riverside Health Care of water and fans for the homeless people. He gave a status report on the project to list local discounts to seniors. He issued blank lawn signs and lettering to Lori so she can prepare some signage for the senior picnic in September.

**New Business:** Gary stated that Jim and Kathy were sworn in at the Town Clerk's office. Maria stated she would get sworn in later today or tomorrow. He stated the placement of an extra box of blank surveys was done earlier this month in the Senior Center so 5 of the 7 Commissioners who volunteer there can drop off completed surveys there and pick up blank surveys. He provided a status on the response to the town wide survey thus far and statistical analysis of the breakdown of various groups responding. Gary stated that he attended the first Great River Park music fest alone, and Jim joined him on the second event. He stated that there is an upcoming Latin fest scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> on the town green as well as the Farmers Markets at the library and he wants more participation from the other Commissioners so we can at least hand out more surveys and answer any questions or address any concerns seniors have. Gary handed out a picture of our new banner he designed for our 10 X 10 canopy tent. He also handed out a flyer he created showing all of the events the Commission is involved in for

circulation to seniors. He stated that he was adding Strano landscaping, Kohl's, and Ocean State Job Lot to the list of businesses giving local discounts to seniors. He discussed our need for a small storage area in a town facility with the Parks and Recreation Department to secure our Commission's supplies and equipment, and will inform us on the progress of this request. We discussed a theme for this year's Senior Picnic and Kathy suggested "Super Heroes"; all members agreed. Gary stated the following expenses for approval: \$15 for printer paper, \$140 for printer ink, \$25 for an expanding wallet for Commission files and handouts, \$75 for name badges, \$25 for Senior Picnic drink cups, \$45 for 200 bottles of water for the picnic, and \$20 for card stock to design and print our own tickets for the senior picnic. Anita made a motion to approve all expenses, Lori seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

**Opportunity of guests to speak:** Donna spoke several times with questions and suggestions.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Anita made a motion to adjourn at 3:35 and Maria seconded the motion.