

METHUEN COUNCIL ON AGING - BOARD MINUTES of

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Stephen Alfano

IN ATTENDANCE: Ex.Dir. Susan Riccio; Chairwoman Maureen Sharrock; Aura Fluet; Marilyn Murphy

Christine Metzmaekers (mobile); Stephen Alfano

CALLED TO ORDER: Time: 10:05 By: Chair Maureen Sharrock

REFLECTION BY: Maureen sharrock

PREVIOUS MINUTES READ BY: emailed prior, read by all

Motion to Accept by: Stephen Alfano 2nd: Aura Fluet APPROVED _Y_

FINANCIAL REPORT: Submitted By: Ex. Dir. Susan Riccio

Motion to Accept: Aura Fluet 2nd: Steve Alfano APPROVED _Y_

DIRECTORS REPORT: (attach report)

-395 additional participants at the Senior Activities Center in the months of June/July/August over last year – attributed to organized programs, speakers and continued outreach by the staff.

-Center hosted a luncheon for the DPW to show gratitude for the job the great work they continue to do for the Center. Planned to be a yearly event.

-One of Center programs in August was a Hoodsie day along-side dancing. The Store Manager, Dereck was invited, and did attend. All 100 participants enjoyed the event & seeing Derek. The goal was to bring in businesses that help the Center.

- Beginning Sept 9th, extended hours thru the end of October go into effect. (See ad in Methuen Life)

- Giving Tree for the Homebound goes up Sept. 30th. Last year 63 seniors received gifts to know they're not forgotten. This year's goal is 100.

-Thursday Sept.27 Happy Hearts performed. Sunday performance cancelled due to weather.

- Issue of A/C upgrade is diligently being worked on by Ex. Dir. Susan Riccio. Contractor T.B.D.

-Excess CBDG funds for the now free MEVA will be allocated for Center upgrades. Nothing will progress until Ex. Dir. Susan Riccio receives confirmation emails from the Commonwealth of MA and Community Development.

-Graffiti removal was prompt with the help of the DPW, who called the Sheriff's Dept. the Sheriff's Department promptly sent out their Graffiti Unit. Many thanks to our DPW.

-A faulty alarm zone was quickly replaced by Alarm Contracting, and the DPW again was on site to patch-up wall and paint the area.

DISCUSSION: Santa Parade is November 21st (Saturday)

MOTION TO CLOSE BY: Maureen Sharrock 2nd: Aura Fluet TIME: 11:39am

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: October 23rd, 2026

SUBMITTED TO CHAIR BY: Stephen Alfano Date: September 28th, 2026