

**COUNCIL OF ELDER AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2024**

Date: January 5 , 2024

Venue: Senior Center

Time Convened: 10:02a.m.

Members in Attendance: Joanne Clemmons, Susan Gagnon, James Hickey, Linda Philbrook, June Sullivan, *Robin Towne, and Elder Affairs Director Mary Collins

Excused Absences: George Copeland and Lorraine Lentini

Guests: Antonio De Frias, Town Planner, Elizabeth McDermott, and Richad Robbins

- Meeting was called to order by Council Chair James Hickey at 10:02a.m.
- December 2023 Minutes were read and was voted 5-0 to accept as written.
- Council Chair James Hickey introduced Town Planner Antonio De Frai who presented to the Council, Hanson's Master Plan for discussion.
- Report of Elder Affairs Director:
 - Current Covid-19 Protocol is still in place although there has been an upsurge of Covid, Flu and RSV cases in Massachusetts. Paxlovid is now available over the counter.
 - Programming Update—
 - The Bereavement Group will be meeting on January 10, at 8:30a.m.
 - The Center will be closed on January 15 to commemorate Martin Luther King Day.
 - The Friends' Board Meeting will be held on January 10.
 - Card Making will be held on January 18..
 - MBTA Senior Citizen CharlieCard Application Event will take place on January 26 from 9:00-2:00. Appointments are needed and available in ten minute increments by calling Roberta at the Center, A photo ID is required.
 - Building Update— Pod was delivered today. South Shore Technical School will begin construction of the wall within the next several weeks.
 - STAP assignments have gone out.
 - Update on Lock Box Program—Program needs funding in order to proceed.
- Unfinished Business—Tabled to next meeting.
- New Business—Tabled to next meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gagnon

Secretary