

**ECOA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**  
**Virtual Meeting held via Zoom**

Members present:        Tom Brown, Chair                                Patrick Brough  
                                  Joseph Banas    Chuck Connor  
                                  Louise Jacob     Stan Diamond  
                                  Cindy Tarail, Executive Director  
Absent:                    Patricia Wojczyk

Observers included: Incoming Board member Crystal Cote-Stosz; Mary Morris, new treasurer of Friends of COA; Councilor J.P. Kwiecinski.

**I. Call to Order:** Tom called the meeting to order at 11.05.

**II. Minutes** of December 2021 were unanimously approved, moved by Pat, seconded by Joe.

**III. Public Speak - None**

**IV. Acceptance of ECOA Financial Report** (action) - Nothing new since last month's full quarterly report. Meeting with Treasurer & Auditor this week, to discuss if we can move line items, especially to cover staff for dispatch & admin last year.

**V. Highland Valley Report** (inform/update) - Pat reported HV discussed Covid challenges.

**VI. Director's Report** (inform/update)

**Old Business:**

**A. Covid Update:** Partial closure (inform)

Cindy reported that Coa does not check vaccinations, but "expects users to be up-to-date on vaccinations". Unknown if Council will be able to require vaccinations on reopening. As a council on aging, we have power to require better masking than the rest of City. Was given some rapid test kits by City, too few to advertise, used for staff and some clients. A few staff Covid cases but no Center-based outbreak.

**B. Senior Tax WorkOff Update** - postponed to February. JP, Joe, and Cindy are meeting with Jen Gallant tomorrow,

**New Business:**

Cindy described areas Board members can help, including: 1) Analysis of benefits counseling and applications support: assess the need and possibilities (Crystal will do); 2) Transportation: What does CoA offer, how is it structured, recommendations; 3) Use of volunteers. 4) Help with technology: EBB, utilize Northampton's regional HV grant, library's loaner hotspots.

**IX.** The meeting was adjourned at 12.03, proposed by Stan, seconded by Pat.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 11am.