

**ECOA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, FEBRUARY 15, 2022**  
**Virtual Meeting held via Zoom**

Members present: Tom Brown, Chair  
Joseph Banas  
Chuck Connor  
Louise Jacob, Secretary  
Stan Diamond  
Cindy Tarail, Executive Director

Not present: Patrick Brough  
Crystal Cote-Stosz  
Pat Wojczyk

**I. Call to Order:** Tom called the meeting to order at 11.13.  
(late due to technical Zoom problems)

**II. Minutes** of the January 2022 meeting were unanimously approved, moved by Joe, seconded by Stan.

**III. Public Speak** - None. Cindy noted that any members of the public could not have accessed the last-minute change to the zoom link.

**IV. Acceptance of ECOA Financial Report** (action) - Cindy reported she is putting together a budget for this year, and will meet with previous director for missing information. Activities are funded by the state Formula Grant, donations, and fees - not City funds. Currently CoA is spending money on clerical support and driver so people can get here, as well as on paid instructors. Formula Grant not yet received, not clear what their fiscal year is. She will report further in March.

**V. Highland Valley Report** (inform/update) - Pat Bough absent. Cindy reported receiving calls asking for referrals to home or personal care previously provided by HN. Meeting with HN later this week.

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

Cindy wants to restart our companion ride and grocery shop programs. We have too many ride requests we can't meet and grocery shopping we can't do. The Volunteer Director left during pandemic and was not replaced, unclear why. Staff currently trying to patchwork it together with hopes of relaunching in March.

Easthampton Senior Center Bingo - outside group chose not to renew contract this year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Covid Update:** reopening update (inform). Not discussed.

**B. Senior Tax WorkOff Update** - Joe presented his report. Pilot year volunteer Teresa O'Connor spoke to the Board enthusiastically about her experience, both psychologically and financially helpful.

**C. Manchester Hardware site:** Cindy reported that City's negotiations for the senior center lease have

failed. CoA will stay put for now. Mayor is willing to answer any questions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**D. Easthampton Neighbors Update tentative** - Sharon Tilbe and Joyce attended to describe their program, including their new connection with the Memory Collaborative. They have fewer active volunteers than pre-pandemic. They are looking for additional call managers. Stan asked if this could be funded through STWO.

Cindy will continue ongoing discussions with EN to coordinate and not overlap. Will also publicize their message in Newsletter when space.

**IX. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12.17pm, proposed by Joe, seconded by Chuck.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 11am

Attached: Senior Tax Work-off Report.