

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING
OCTOBER 21, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Newburyport Council on Aging met on this date at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Board Chair Chris Czernik called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Czernik	Richard Eaton	John Green	Annie Maurer	
Yvonne McQuilkin	Cynthia Muir	Elaine Paglia	Rosemary Decie	Erin Sheehy

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Carroll Theresa Rooney

STAFF PRESENT:

Paula Burke: Director, Newburyport Council on Aging
Mary Kelly: Activities Coordinator

GUEST:

Councillor Afroz Khan

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Having reviewed the Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting, it was moved, seconded, and

CARRIED WITHOUT OBJECTION: To accept the Secretary's report of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 20, 2021 with minor revisions.

REVIEW OF ORDINANCE - Afroz Khan

- Ordinance reviews are required every five years, the current ordinance has not been reviewed since 1992.
- Suggested changes to the ordinance include:
 1. To strike the requirement for members of the COA Board to be registered voters.
 2. Change the word consent to approval by the city council.
 3. Change the term of membership on the Board from five to three years and have three year terms start when current terms end.
 4. Section 2-85, calling on the Board to coordinate and carry out programs was deleted.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To change term for Board members from five years to three years.

- It was recommended that the bylaws be referenced in the code and that they be reviewed and approved at the annual meeting.

There was some discussion of changes in the Council on Aging hours and it was noted that the municipal fees schedule is reviewed annually so changes in hours could be accommodated.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD CHAIR AND EMPTY SEAT:

- Nominations for Board Chair should be sent to Annie by Monday and the nominations committee will review them.
- The posting for the empty Board seat will go out as soon as Chris's resignation becomes official.

The Board expressed its appreciation for Chris Czernik's service as Board Chair and wished her well in her endeavors in the future.

It was moved, seconded, and

CARRIED WITHOUT OBJECTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:30am.

The next meeting of the Newburyport Council on Aging Board will be on November 18, 2021 at 9:00 at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center.

Annie Maurer: Secretary