

**Truro Council on Aging
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025**

PRESENT: Dan Schreiner, Carol Bishop, Susan Rocca, Kevin Grunwald, Apryl Shenk, Barbara Bond, Kat Black, Michelle Peterson, Deputy Director, Susan Girard-Irwin, Select Board liaison; Jim Brown, Friends of the Truro Council on Aging.

- March minutes were approved unanimously.
- Michelle gave the highlights of the outreach report. Exercise attendance is up, case management consultations are up, snowbirds are returning.
- The gardening program was well attended.
- Denials of rides are high—due in part to the new on-call driver not being available, and there only being two vehicles.
- Discussion occurred regarding the need to limit number of rides per person, per month. Michelle will look into setting a limit so that more people can take advantage of the program.
- Michelle's director's report included the news that the Title III FY26 funding for transportation has been paused. She is waiting to see about the formula grant.
- Discussion occurred regarding the ride home from the hospital program that the "Friends" have funded. The Town Taxi has closed its business. The Friends were paying \$150 per ride. They are still willing to do this if we can find another source for the rides. Michelle is meeting with the COA directors from Provincetown and Wellfleet to try to create a new plan.
- The Senior Dinner put on by Truro Public Safety is Saturday April 12. Carol Bishop and Bobbie Sue Kane are being honored for their volunteerism.
- There will be a meet and greet for Katie Halvorson, Truro Housing Coordinator on May 9, 10 am.
- The Senior Needs Assessment is not on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. There was discussion about why it's not on the warrant and how we can advocate for an assessment. Michelle will talk to Damian about this.
- Discussion about the senior discount for transfer and beach stickers: There will be a pilot program this year. Request for caregivers and/or family members of homebound seniors to be included was discussed. Sue Girard-Irwin told us to please send questions to her in writing.
- Friends report was that they have had a very good fundraising year and are happy to help.
- Michelle will do one of her "Scoop" offerings this spring as a way to encourage feedback from participants. She will invite us to attend.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am. Next meeting is May 14, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine Black

