

Pursuant to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §, § 18-25, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Town of Hingham Council on Aging to take place as follows:



Town of Hingham
Council on Aging
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
1:00 PM

Remote Meeting Via Zoom

Webinar ID: 856 3113 4195

Passcode: 02043

Website: <https://zoom.us/join>

Call in: 929 205 6099

And

In- Person

224 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

Attendance: Sara Smithson, Jean Silvero, Karen Johnson, Leon Merian, Jennifer Young (Director), Rory Earley, Joe Nevins (zoom), Elaine Ward (zoom).

Absent: Josh Ross, Cindy King, Megan Hansen, Ethel Franks

Agenda:

1. Call to order – Chair
 - a. Quorum
 - b. Unanimous vote in support of the warrant by the board of Selectman
2. Remarks - Chair and Vice Chair
3. Minutes of February 10, 2026
 - a. Amended to add Rory's name in attendance and one further minor edit. Motion to approve – Elaine Ward. Second – Jean Silvero. Unanimously approved.
4. Director's Report
 - a. Impact of the storms
 - b. 30-35 high school students volunteered to shovel for seniors. Coordinated by Rory.
 - c. Unpaid volunteers
 - d. 1 application for medical van driver – CPR training will be provided by the center.
 - e. Need volunteer shuttle drivers
 - f. April 16th Volunteer luncheon.
5. Committee Updates
 - a. Building
 - i. Jean – 6 meetings since our last CAO meeting. Unanimous approval of Article P. No update on cost estimates. Anticipated in March to go out to bid. Outstanding invoices pending from architect and EDM.

- ii. AdCom meeting this Thursday at 7:00 pm. Vote anticipated for Wed 18th. Ad Com comments should be on the last estimates we all have seen.
- b. Outreach
 - i. Outreach Subcommittee Minutes of March 4, 2026 Meeting
 - ii. Plan to get out around town – Sharon was outside Brewed Awakenings 60 people stopped by and took facts sheet. Atlantic Bagel this coming Saturday.
 - iii. FOCAL will be profiled in Greet magazine in April.
- 6. Fee Structure
 - a. Every year we review our programming registration fees – in order to retain our instructors or keep up with the cost of supplies. Jennifer and team are doing more research on cost. Last time we raised fees in 2019 – from \$3 -to \$5. We are considering raising the cost to \$7. Lifelong Discovery instructors are now charging more. Jennifer is asking for the support from COA on any increase in programming fee that might need to be implemented in the future.
- 7. Future Meeting Schedule
 - a. April 14th
- 8. Other Business - Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance
- 9. Future Agenda Items
- 10. Public Comment
- 11. Adjournment –Motion to adjourn - Elaine Ward. Second – Karen Johnson.

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