

# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## COUNCIL ON AGING

*The mission of the Barnstable Council on Aging is to advocate for and meet the needs of the elderly people residing in the Town of Barnstable. (Barnstable Town Administrative Code)*

DATE OF MEETING: *September 13, 2023*

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

**Present:** John Jope, Ellen Queeney, Elaine Ryan, Kathy Standwick, Kathy Turnbull

**Present/Guests, Visitors:** Jan Kramer, Kelly Howley, Ted Lowrie, Kerri Pasquerella

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and a quorum was met. Minutes from the August meeting were approved as written. There was no public comment.

The Chair, John Jope, introduced a guest speaker, Ted Lowrie, Jr. of Barnstable Neighbor 2 Neighbor. Mr. Lowrie provided an overview of the history and scope of services offered to members of Barnstable Neighbor 2 Neighbor. The all-volunteer organization is a non-profit (501)(c)(3) serving all seven villages of Barnstable. Barnstable Neighbor 2 Neighbor assesses an annual membership fee that entitles members up to 12 service requests per month. Services include transportation, light household tasks, etc. Since 2021, more than 3,200 services have been provided to 90-95 members. Approximately 125 volunteers support the service network.

Chair's remarks: *John Jope*

- The chair indicated that he has reached out to Elder Services of Cape and the Islands as a possible guest speaker next month.
- Each Council Member should complete the Conflict of Interest and Open Meetings Law training. Notice of the completion of the training should be sent to via email to Cynthia Lovell.
- A thank you letter to our state legislators for the increase in the grant allotment will be drafted and circulated.
- Volunteers for BACC Safety Day September 28, 10am-4pm were requested.

Director's Report: *Kelly Howley*

- Interviewing is underway to fill three vacant positions.
- Kelly and team presented an overview of the Age Friendly and Dementia Friendly Communities recommendation to the Barnstable Town Council. Several Council members expressed interest in the work.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 18, 2023

