

**Minutes of BCOA Monthly Meeting
September 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

Present: Stephanie Parish, John Jope, Maureen Hughes, Tom Coyle, Christine Beer, Kathy Strudwick

Guests: Kelly Howley

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum. Kathy Strudwick volunteered to act as director for Sept. meeting. June 18, 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

Citizen's Public Comment:

Visitor Larry Moren commended COA board on Dementia Support group and self-evaluations.

Director's Report:

- Town Council Liaison Paula Schnepf is not renewing her position. Town Council does not need to approve COA by-laws.
- Many summer activities were held e.g. trips, gatherings, classes, but census was low. Board asked to help get the word out in the summer for these activities.
- Massachusetts COA Conference on Oct 22-24 at Seacrest Resort is sold out. Kelly will be a presenter.
- Repair of the BACC flood damage from the Dec. 2024 storm is out to bid. The eventual work might take a year to complete once started.
- Friends of the COA has disbanded. Existing funds were distributed to several Cape Cod organizations but no dollars were allocated to the COA.
- Meals on Wheels is no longer delivering on Tuesdays due to Elder Services budget shortfall. Participants can request a frozen meal with Monday delivery.
- Family Table Collaborative is providing congregate meals on Thursdays at the BACC. Cape Cod Rotary donated \$1,200 to help reduce the meal cost to \$5. Additional community support may be forth coming.
- Safety Day on September 24th will offer talks on identifying scams, fire safety, COA services, self-defense, etc. Freebies, snacks and raffles will be offered.

Committee Reports:

- KISS work group - Tom Coyle represented the board at a recreation meeting over the summer. #1 issue was lack of sidewalks. Other issues: playgrounds, nature trails and pickleball courts.
- Dementia support group - Christine Beer suggested the group meet before Oct board meeting to discuss community needs that aren't being addressed.

For the Good of the Council: acting directors for fall meetings will be Stephanie Parish (Oct), Christine Beer (Nov), Tom Coyle (Dec).

Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Stephanie Parish for Secretary Jan Kraemer