

Ashland Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2026

Called to order at 10:35 a.m.

Attendees: Board Members

Eve Aseltine	Alexis Christopher
Debbie Connaughton	Meredith Gingrich
Steve Mitchell	Donna Rombauer
Rosangela Wilner	

Guests:

Joe Magnani	Ro Beaton
Candi Wilson (Director)	Beth Amsler FOACOA

Mission Statement: Read by Meredith

Secretary's Minutes:

Alexis moved to approve the January 8, 2026 minutes. Eve seconded the motion. Approved 7-0

Citizen Participation:

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Directors Report: Candi shared her report, and the following discussions were had:

- Weather impacts participation, very cold snowy month.
- Events (1120), Rides (20), Services (288), Volunteers (139), Total people served (1568), new participants (19)
- Country store sales: \$ 158.00
- Newsletter: LPI moved up the deadline, we lost a week of preparation.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive moved to March 17th
- OUTREACH / TRANSPORTATION - help us communicate with our community: FREE Transportation; Medical Equipment Loan Program; Memory Café

- **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE / BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS GOAL:** improved food pantry, provide meeting space, organize. 2/5 - 2/6 --> Food Pantry move to Police Substation. Great Room Floor replacement - As part of the approved Capitol Plan - completed by Jun 30, 2026. Patio - process to begin in Spring
- **BUDGET PRESENTED TO TRI BOARD ON 2/2/26:** Impacts of level funded or 5% reduction; Programs & Services will be reduced; Potential reduction of building hours. Request for a CC Volunteer Coordinator. Benefits to the Community Center (SC, HS, FP). FY25 Vol. Hours - est. 5700 hours x \$15/hr = \$85,500; FY25 Total - 63 Volunteers - Operations & Programs
- **VOLUNTEER HOURS** - Mary will discuss - Categories in which we would like you to enter your volunteer hours in as. Currently not consistently being entered correctly.
- **TRIPS** - Currently do not have a Coordinator. The Friends will let us know when they devise a plan
- **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** - Has changed by The Friends. Historically we offered a FREE Lunch with cupcakes & a scratch ticket and we sang Happy Birthday. New: Must be a "Friend" to receive this "perk" Pay \$15 per year to become a "Friend" We did not have any birthday celebrations in Feb. (first month effective). Several complaints. The lunch & scratch ticket is \$8 total. Recommendation is to provide FREE again or offer another "perk" to becoming a friend.
- **LIONS PROGRAM - SAND FOR SENIORS:** Contact "Dok" (Julian Doktor) --> receive a Home Delivery of a 5 gal. Bucket of salt/sand mix. 508-614-0665

Alexis moved to approve the Directors report, Eve seconded it. Approved 7-0

Monthly Updates:

Joe Magani, we discussed the cost buildings; construction aspect; contacting the Worker Training Center for the outdoor yard; additional parking lot; Mike Norton; Worker Training Center at Rocking Center. Construction costs well before COVID really impacted construction costs. So, when construction and material costs increased, the necessary values defined.

New Business:

Around the Table:

Adjournment: 11:40 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Eve and seconded by Alexis.
Approved 7-0.

Submitted by Rosangela Wilner.

Documents distributed: Director's Report.