

Minutes of the Meeting of the Shutesbury Council of Aging

September 10, 2025

Approved at the meeting of October 8, 2025

1. Meeting called to Order, September 10, 2025 at 5:59 p.m. The meeting was delayed by technical difficulties; SM was never able to use audio, so communicated non-verbally.

Members present: Identified in a roll call: MaryJo Johnson (MJJ), Jessica Makepeace (JM), Susan Millinger (SM) and Jeannette Stockton (JS). Guest: Rich Strangman.

Business:

2. Minutes: Approval of the Minutes of July 9 was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved in a rollcall vote.

Approval of the Minutes of August 13 was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved in a rollcall vote

3. Finances:

A. Financial report as of September 10.

Starting Balances:

Grant: \$1560

Revolving Account: \$417

Town Budget: \$200

Expenses:

MCOA dues: \$312

August Foot Clinic: \$260

Donations deposited:

July: \$175

August: \$174

Ending Balances:

Grant: \$1,248

Revolving Account: \$680

Town Budget: \$200

All Accounts Total: \$2,128

B. Request to purchase another box of letters for the sandwich board

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved in a roll call vote that another box of letters be bought for the sandwich board.

4. Current Programs

a. Community Lunch: brief report. 14 attended.

b. Footcare Clinic:

1. Increase in number of clients: Currently the clinic has about 25 clients; not all have bimonthly sessions. Nurse Simonne, the provider, seems willing to accept more than eight clients a month; having the assistance of Donna Covino as co-coordinator makes it easier to manage an increased number.

2. Brief discussion of the letter from Nan, our recent FootCare by Nurses provider, now starting her own business. She is offering to provide two sessions an hour for \$60. This offer is attractive but would increase the cost. We will discuss this further, especially as we have a better sense of clients' views of Simonne.

c. Neighborhood Dementia Support (NDS). Brief report on second (zoom) presentation on "The Many Faces of Dementia" and work on the next presentations on "The ABCs of Dementia."

5. The September/October Geezette issue: SM and JS need more time to draft their contributions; we still hope to produce an October issue.

6. Membership: The Select Board has rescheduled for next week the meeting in which the appointment of our fifth member should occur.

7. Updating the webpage was postponed to the next agenda.

8. Access to coa@shutesbury.org mail. JM and SM currently have it; other members were asked if they would like access. No one indicated interest in access.

9. Report from SM on recent MCOA membership meeting was postponed.

10. Unanticipated business: None

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 8 at 5:30 p.m.

12. Meeting adjourned at 6:21.