

**Manchester Council on Aging
Executive Board Meeting
January 14, 2026**

Members present: Steve Gillespie, Holly Gavin, George Nickless, Mary Peart, Jane Metrano and Mary Hull

Members absent: Susan Poswistilo

Staff present: Mary Miner

Friends present: Veronica Matthews

Guests: John Round, Select Board, and Tony Barletta, Town Administrator

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as read.

Director's Report:

Our new director, Mary, reported that she has been working with Eva regarding the planning and scheduling of upcoming events for our seniors. Her immediate goal is to meet more individual seniors and community members. She is also looking into renewing the monthly lunch program. There was discussion about possible speakers to present following lunch. In her previous position as Director of the Nahant COA, a very successful program was a music program, presented after lunch. A local music teacher played at the keyboard, and those present made suggestions for particular songs. It was noted that there is a piano in the church hall currently being used for many seniors' events. Karaoke was mentioned as another possibility. Consideration is also underway of art classes to be taught by a local artist. There is also an intent to initiate a grief support group.

George requested that a specific budget review be added routinely to the meeting agenda.

Friend's Report:

Current assets are approximately \$86K.

About thirty attended the Christmas Brunch on Dec. 15th. Mary Miner attended and led all in a Christmas Sing-Along!

Many friends attended the First Parish "Burgers and Bingo" on New Year's Eve. A great community event!

New Business:

In Memoriam: Speros Brown and Jake Maijenski

Tony reported that progress is ongoing with closing documents as new challenges and resolutions continue to be known. Of recent origin, the need for a direct access, single restroom in the Mason condo and thus a separate dedicated condo entrance for each condo. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with the neighboring First Parish Church to discuss planning for the driveway and traffic patterns. Both attorneys with

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municipality experience have found this town/private condo endeavor a very unique one. Tony also appreciates the ongoing helpfulness from Greg, past Town Administrator.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:13.

The next meeting will be held February 11th at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary G. Hull