



**Rockland Council on Aging
317 Plain Street
Rockland, MA 02370**

Secretaries Report for meeting held September 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew McCarthy at 9:30am

Roll Call: Andrew McCarthy, Jack Conway, Gary Schwartz, Fran Damon, Ellen Lauria, Pam Murphy, Jim O'Neill, Sandy Collins and Julie Burke were present. It is to be noted that Joanne Williams resigned, due to conflict with another Board she is on. Cynthia Childs was absent.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – July 9, 2025 Minutes were read and motioned by Ellen Lauria, seconded by Fran Damon and unanimously approved.

Financial Report – Report was read, motioned by Sandy Collins seconded by Ellen Lauria and unanimously approved.

Old Colony Elder Services –No report.

Old Colony Planning Council – No report.

Outreach Report – Effie is being kept very busy working on assisting those that she can. She also noted that Vicki Diebel had been assisting and that Vicki is a volunteer-offering her services free of charge to those in need.

Among the things that Effie went over were 1)housing situation and lack of suitable housing, she explained how long the waiting lists are and that she has several clients in drastic need (2) Open enrollment starts in October 93) fuel assistance has started 94) She introduced us to the temporary Social Work Intern -Jocy from Bridgewater State University. Jocy will be at the COA for 16 hours a week through May 2026

Directors' Report –In need of 8-10 people to join the pen pal program, Holiday basket of joy-collecting various items such as candy, cards, crossword puzzles, small plushies, warm sock and any other items that will bring joy to those receiving a basket

Bocce games are scheduled for Friday

Went over recent disciplinary actions that had to be taken recently therefore Reminder of standing participation guidelines for use at the center and on the COA van

Motion was made by Ellen Lauria and Seconded by Fran Damon. Unanimous vote to Approve.

Discussion- The members were reminded of the upcoming Halloween party at the center

A motion was made by Jack Conway and seconded by Sandy Collins to adjourn the meeting.
All members present, approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am. Next meeting to be held Wednesday, October 8, 2025.