

# Town of Natick

## Meeting Minutes for February , 2026

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### **Council on Aging Board Safety Workgroup Meeting**

Meeting Purpose: First Meeting of Safety Workgroup.

**DAY, DATE & TIME:** Friday, February 26, 2026 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order : Meeting commenced at 1:00 PM. Attendees: Jim Fitzgerald, Laura Forker, Mal Sockol
2. Public comment: none. (no one dialed into Zoom).
3. Committee discussion

- **Discussion on Financial Safety series for 2026**

The first session will be on Thursday March 5th at 2 PM. We want to confirm that this will definitely be a series and we want to make sure that one of the topics in the series is to present “what to do after being the victim of a scam”.

- **Discussion on upcoming talk by Natick Police Department at March 9th COA Board Meeting**

We want to make sure to ask questions at the end of the presentation regarding how can we help spread the word on the topic of staying safe from fraud. Looking for ideas on how to collaborate with Natick Police and others to reach out to as many seniors as possible. Also want to ask questions about other areas of Safety that we can address collaboratively with the Natick Police.

- **Review of draft Strategic Objectives from Safety Workgroup**

We discussed strategic objectives that our workgroup will provide to the Strategic Planning Committee. We trimmed them down to just a few and have forwarded them to the Strategic Planning Committee.  
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Points of emphasis for future consideration are having talks on Seniors driving along with home/auto break-in avoidance. Also to make sure to spread out to our two libraries and town hall when doing safety outreach. In addition to the programs, we want to make sure we do some hands-on activities like can folks try using a fire extinguisher for real so it is not a surprise when an emergency arises.

4. Finalize key points to report for the upcoming COA Board meeting March 9, 2026

Done. The key point will be the submission of the strategic objectives.

5. The next meeting will be on Zoom on the Friday before the COA Board meeting on April 13th.

7. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

\*Items in Agenda may be taken in different order than above.

Respectfully submitted by James Fitzgerald, COA Safety Workgroup Member