

# Town of Natick

## Meeting Minutes

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### **Council on Aging Board Housing Subcommittee Meeting**

#### Meeting Purpose

Meeting to Review Housing Subcommittee Plan of Action to report at upcoming COA meeting scheduled for March 9, 2026

#### **DAY, DATE & TIME**

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 12:45 PM (Zoom)

1. Call to Order : Meeting commenced at 12:45 PM. Attendees were Jim Fitzgerald, Linda Jaffee, Paula Panchuk, Laura Forker
2. Public comment: none. (no one dialed into Zoom).
3. Committee discussion
  - (1) Reviewed the current Housing Strategic Plan objectives. A few tweaks were made and now they are ready to be submitted to the Strategic Planning Committee.
  - (2) Reviewed list of questions for COA Staff related to Senior Housing. The questions were edited a bit. Plan currently is to submit upon Donna's return if it is within the next month or so.
  - (3) Reviewed a presentation on affordable housing that focuses on how applications and lotteries work. Plan is to also attend upcoming program at NCSC given by Metrowest Housing Collaborative for further information on the application process for affordable housing.
  - (4) Brainstormed idea about having knowledgeable housing counselors periodically at the NCSC. These folks would operate similar to SHINE Volunteers except their expertise and guidance will be housing related.
4. The above points were finalized and will be presented in summary form to the board.
5. Next meeting will be the Wednesday prior to the next COA Board meeting of April 11, 2026.
6. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by James Fitzgerald, COA Housing Subcommittee Chair