



**TOWN OF CARVER MEETING NOTICE
CARVER COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**

Board members in Attendance: Donna Forand, Chairperson, Claudia Miller, Co-Chair, Elaine Raymond and Mary Du Ross.

Absent were Helen Marrone, Secretary, and Paula Hitchcock, Alternate.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 4:30. It was established that there was a quorum present. New member Mary DuRoss was welcomed to the Board.

Claudia made a motion to accept the agenda and Elaine seconded. Unanimous vote to accept.

The Aug. 25th meeting minutes contained a mistake. Claudia moved to accept the July minutes and to move approval, with correction of the August minutes, until the Oct. 27th meeting. Elaine seconded and the Board approved.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comments:

Mary Dormer, a member of carver Concerned Citizens, spoke on behalf of a few seniors who had contacted her with concerns. This included how to get things on the agenda: the issue of candy at the COA, lack if availability to Outreach services, alleged senior abuse, and not enough programs at the COA. She stated that she does not go to the COA, but is repeating what she had heard from them. She advocated for resolution of these issues and for the COA to become as robust as the ones in area towns. The Chair reminded Mary that to address topics they need to be on the agenda. She asked her to contact her to do so for the next month's agenda.

Nancy Ryan asked about the food policy and said she had contacted the Health Agent and that there is no food Policy. She also questioned why a birthday cake, served by a safe serve individual, couldn't be served once a month. Again, Donna reiterated that it needed to be on the agenda to be discussed and asked Nancy to email her to put it on for next month.

Brenda Bacall commented that she had attended a meeting a few months ago and heard the same issues being mentioned and wanting to be put in the agenda. She questioned whether that would really happen or not. She also strongly said that any resident should be able to speak at any public meeting on whatever they wanted.

The meeting was then recessed for five minutes to allow for alleviation of the tense situation in the room.

When the meeting resumed, Brenda proceeded to again talk persistently and vehemently, even though she had a had her three minutes of public comment allowed per person.

She challenged the Board procedures and would not stop.

Chair again asked her to stop she continued to speak over chair.

Due to this uncomfortable and untenable situation, with no signs of alleviation or adhering to the agenda, the meeting was adjourned early at approximately 5:00 PM with the balance of the agenda remaining unaddressed.

Elaine made a motion to adjourn and Claudia seconded. Unanimously approved.

Elaine Raymond, Acting Secretary for the Meeting