

## BARNSTABLE NEWCOMERS – November 16, 2022



Meeting was called to order by President Charlie Sroczyński at 7:24 PM. with approximately 40 members in attendance and 6 potential members and observers attended as well. President Sroczyński noted during his opening statements that we are in need of a Biking Activating Coordinator and Pickle Ball Coordinator. Will address this more in the Spring. We now have a walking coordinator, Marilyn Quinn.



MINUTES: October 19, 2022. – Motion was made and seconded for approval of minutes with all in favor.



TREASURER'S REPORT – The November account balance was \$4,837. We believe this should be sufficient to support the club (with a reasonable margin) through the first half of 2023 until next year's dues payments start to arrive. It was moved to accept report with a second and all in favor.

## **BARNSTABLE NEWCOMERS – November 16, 2022 - Continued**



**Speakers - President Sroczynski** introduced the first speaker, Ted Lowrie – President of Neighbor 2 Neighbor. Ted explained what “Neighbor 2 Neighbor was all about”. Services offered include transportation, light household and yard tasks, shopping for food or other items, and basic assistance with technology. Often most important of all, volunteers offer opportunities for socialization and connection. In some communities, the national village model provides a more diverse range of services, including classes on various topics. BN2N has decided not to replicate what seniors can already access through the Barnstable Adult Community Center. All residents of Barnstable, age 60 or older, are eligible for services. With a fee of \$225, or \$375 for a household, residents become members of the organization. The ongoing generosity of donors makes it possible for the fee to be covered if someone can’t afford it. To request a service, it's as simple as picking up the phone and making one call. Ten service coordinators working remotely from their homes rotate shifts, taking the calls and putting the requests into the system. Volunteers can then go online and sign up for a specific service. **(All information listed in this paragraph has been utilized from an article in the Barnstable Patriot, March 1, 2023 edition – Barbara Dunn – Columnist).** Brochures were passed out to all members present.

**President Sroczynski** introduced the 2nd speaker, Cyndy Cotton, Executive Director of Osterville Library. Cyndy explained the workings and offerings that Osterville Library provides from Library Exhibits to Virtual Programs and on-line programs. Cyndy was very informative and captured all attendees’ attention.

Thanking the speakers, President Sroczynski adjourned the meeting via a motion made and seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth B. Silva  
Secretary