

CHARGE TO THE ORLEANS COUNCIL ON AGING

In accordance with Chapter 6-5-1 of the Town of Orleans Home Rule Charter, a Council on Aging consisting of seven (7) members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms.

The Council on Aging (COA) board shall be responsible for advising the Council on Aging Director, Town Administrator, and Board of Selectmen on issues which enhance the quality of life for older adults and caregivers in the community.

In its advisory capacity, the COA board shall adhere to the applicable provisions of the Orleans Charter, General Laws, and Town policies with regard to accomplishing the following tasks:

1. Identify the needs of older adults and caregivers which support aging in the community;
2. Make recommendations regarding programs and services of the Senior Center for planning priorities and best practices to meet established needs;
3. Review and establish the public policies of the Senior Center in collaboration with the Director;
4. Make recommendations for budget priorities;
5. Enlist the support and participation of the community regarding aging issues;
6. Ensure that the Senior Center provides a warm, enriching environment and meaningful experiences and opportunities for older adults;
7. Assess how community based care is provided to older adults and caregivers in order to advocate for and promote opportunities which promote healthy aging, and improve public awareness of available resources; and
8. Participate in educational opportunities provided by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, and other agencies with regard to programs and resources to benefit Orleans seniors.

The COA board shall meet monthly and conduct their meetings in accordance with the Open Meeting law and submit minutes to the Town Clerk's Office within thirty days of each meeting.

Date Reviewed: August 17, 2017 (approved by COA Board)

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