

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 29 2025

10:00am - 11:00am

Online Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present- Board Members- President Bill Geraghty, Treasurer Dean Cashman, Neil Castaldo, Lori Fortini, Bill Karkheck, Dave McLure, Doug Menzies, Bob Muh, Natalie Murphy, Laura Sheers, Christine St. Laurent

Guest Speaker- Kathleen Reardon, Center for Non-Profits

There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

Call to Order and Welcome

President Bill Geraghty called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

He made an introduction and then led with GCSCC's mission statement, followed by an introduction of the meetings guest speaker.

Guest Speaker Presentation

Kathleen Reardon from the Center for Non-Profits.

Kathleen showed a slide presentation on the impact that non-profits bring to the communities titled, The Power of Non-Profits.

Their mission is to bring strength and voices to the States nonprofit sectors.

She quoted Margaret Mead;

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world;
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

This statement is nonprofits.

That being we are the backbones to the communities. We enrich lives.

It takes people, groups of people to transform ideas into beliefs and actions.

The center for Non-Profits supports the places that help children grow, mental health support, food, housing and programs to give to the communities.

There are 9000 registered nonprofits in New Hampshire.

This brings 84k jobs in the nonprofit world.

The events we bring make a huge impact to the communities.

Annually, 347k people volunteer.

Quoting Alexis de Tocqueville, support Democracy. Alexis saw nonprofits as fundamental to America.

2024 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of April 30, 2024 Annual Meeting were available on GCSCC'S website prior to the meeting.

Natalie Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Neil Castaldo seconded the motion. Attendees voted unanimously to approve the minutes by hand vote.

Lori Foritni abstained, as she was not present for the last meeting.

Bill Geraghty presented the 2025 GCSCC Slate of Officers and Board Members.

Nominated for a First Three-Year Term (2025-2028)

Nanci Carney (Littleton)

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Bill Geraghty (Hanover)

Doug Menzies (Littleton)

Natalie Murphy (Bridgewater)

Continuing as Officers

Bill Geraghty, President (Hanover)

Dean Cashman, Treasurer (Lebanon)

Board of Directors Members continuing to fill their current terms are: Dean Cashman (Lebanon), Lori Fortini (Lebanon), Bill Karkheck (Bridgewater), David McLure (Littleton), Christine St. Laurent (Campton)

A nomination from the floor nominated Natalie Murphy for the position of secretary.

Lori Fortini made a motion to approve the GCSCC Slate of Officers and Board Members for election. Christine St. Laurent seconded the motion. Attendees voted unanimously to accept the motion by hand vote.

Bill Geraghty took this time to recognize Neil Castaldo (Hanover) and Martha Richards (Holderness).

Neil has served on the Board since April of 2016. He has served three three-year terms. He has been on the Executive, strategic and finance committees. Neil also delivers meals on wheels in the Mascoma center as long with also doing a story-telling hour.

Martha has been on the Board since April of 2017. She became secretary in 2018. She has been on the Executive and strategic planning committees. Martha is a big advocate for people and volunteers on many things. She has resigned due to health.

Financial Report

Dean Cashman presented the financial report.

He stated how we rely on State and Federal revenue and that it makes up more than half of GCSCC's funding at 53%.

Following that, we get 17% from philanthropic, 11% from Towns in the County and 5% from donations.

Costs continue to go up and we are in a budgeted loss.

GCSCC is working on a strategic plan.

Executive Directors Report

Kathleen started by showing a slide of the GCSCC rack card.

She reviewed the amazing numbers of this card, noting that the numbers served and helped more than the previous year, all while being understaffed.

Next, she showed a slide of the percentages showing the benefits of GCSCC from results of surveyed recipients.

Strategic planning is in the process. It started in January and will be completed by December.

Goals are to remain relevant, attract younger seniors, retain and recruit employees and work to sustain our organization.

GCSCC has a big event coming up on June 18.

It will be a 2025 Gala, An Evening of Celebration. At The Barn on the Pemi in Plymouth.

Kathleen ended by reminding us all it is very important to continue to work together and support each other in these times.

Neil Castaldo thanked Kathleen for her service to this organization and her vision for the future.

Being no other business Dave McLure made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Neil Castaldo seconded the motion. Attendees voted unanimously to accept the motion by hand votes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42am.