

Hanson Senior Center/ Council on Aging

To: Lisa Green, Town Administrator

From: Mary Collins, Director of Elder Affairs

cc:

Date: 1-23-25

Re: Impact reductions in FY'26 budget will have at the Senior Center

The changes that the Senior Center will face if budget reductions are implemented in FY' 26 will be as follows:

Funding for the 19 hour per week Outreach worker will no longer be available. This will greatly impact the timely efficiency of the services provided to Hanson seniors. In particular, Fuel Assistance processing and Medicare counselling may be delayed due to the high number of seniors in need of these services. The Director of Elder Affairs who served 312 seniors with Medicare counseling in 2024 will have to assume the seniors which were assisted by the Outreach worker, adding work to her already full workload.

This reduction will leave the Senior Center with the full time Director and her 19 hour per work assistant who works on Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30 and Fridays 8:30-11:30, leaving only the Director in the building in the afternoons. The Center will have to close when the Director has afternoon meetings to attend, when she takes vacation time, personal time or sick time. This will greatly impact the activities which take place routinely in the afternoons.