

## COA Meeting Notes

April 14, 2021

Teleconference via the Town of Mendon conference call line 774-462-5991 code 1233#

Earl called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Amy took roll call and reviewed the protocols for conducting a teleconference meeting.

Participants: Earl Pearlman, Peg Nogueira, Carol Kotros, Diane Howell, Jenn Talamini, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. There were no participants from the Friends.

### Old Business

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy gave a brief Director's report: she and Janet provided assistance to about 100 people for vaccination appointments; BOH has given permission to restart podiatry clinic in May; an anonymous donor from town has offered to donate eggs to the food pantry when she has an excess; newsletter mailing list was updated; beautification committee met April 13 outside to tour the grounds and set goals for this year. Amy gave a Friends' update: Charles River Bank employee and Friends' Treasurer, Ann Gonyea is moving, Nancy MacLeod has taken her place and will act as interim treasurer until the Friends have a chance to vote; Sue Carlson sent a letter to the Select Board seeking their approval for the annual Progressive Yard Sale on June 12 this year.

Food Pantry Update—is working smoothly; donations are slowing down somewhat giving us a chance to catch up; new volunteer Karen has been checking dates on donations and putting items on shelves; clients orders are continuing to be filled by volunteers.

Program Updates—54 folks have registered for the Grab n' Go Heart to Home Meals from Marlboro on Tuesday April 20; May 13<sup>th</sup> Grab n'Go will be Tri-Valley favorite, hot dogs and beans; Amy asked how we would feel about an impromptu lunch in the parking lot where the diners would sit in one chair and use a second chair as a table in order to keep everyone safely distanced; there were no objections from anyone to this idea.

ABMI Cable Update—Jenn has no additional news today but plans to coordinate with Amy and Tyler in the very near future.

Volunteer Appreciation—the Cultural Council has carried over entertainer Roger Ticknell from last year; we just need to find a date.

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—is still on hold.

Architectural Study—Amy has an email in to the architect and is waiting for a response.

Reopening Considerations—Amy is working on transportation protocol.

FY-21 Budget—Amy is waiting to hear when she will meet with FinCom; nothing has changed so far as she submitted same budget as last year.

Plumbing Update—Amy is waiting for quotes from plumbers for sediment filter system, auto flush toilets and sensor faucets. Amy asked what we all thought about these updates and the consensus was that it was a good idea due to the pandemic.

#### New Business

CPR Staff Training—Amy said she may have to have it just for the staff due to space confinements; she will keep us posted.

Outdoor Exercise—received a grant from Cultural Council for one outdoor class of Hip Hop Chair Exercise; also Faith Kennedy is willing to conduct her Chair Yoga class outdoors.

Progressive Yard Sale—if the Progressive Yard Sale is approved, Amy asked if we think the Friends should have their own yard sale at the center; we felt this year they should just sell booklets listing addresses for the yard sales; Amy said she would like to see a page devoted to the newsletter sponsors.

Senior of the Year—Amy will advertize in the newsletter, The Crier and on Cable TV for nominations with a June 1 deadline; Earl suggested considering doing a parade again this year; Amy will check with Lion's Club President to get their feelings on this.

#### Open Forum

Amy said regarding the interior painting, she will get it narrowed down to three choices and then ask us to help her decide.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am. Next meeting May 12, 2021. Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis, Secretary