

COA Meeting Notes

July 13, 2022

Peg called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Members present: Peg Nogueira, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Diane Howell, Dona Son, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Peg welcomed our newest board member, Dona Son. We went around the table and introduced ourselves since the meeting was being recorded.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy gave a brief Director's report with the remainder to be interspersed throughout. Amy informed us that fuel assistance certification is approaching; the town has a new accounting system; the van was inspected and serviced readying it for state inspection; in September we will be hosting a memory program like the one Amy and Janet took in Hopedale; Tri-Valley offered to conduct an 8 week Matter of Balance program which has had a very good response in the past; there will be an Alzheimer's fundraiser walk at Gillette Stadium in the fall.

Old Business

Food Pantry Update—is going along well; 2 caregivers are doing self-serve for the families they represent; remaining clients complete order forms to be filled for them; Peg suggested including a reminder about fuel assistance certification with the order forms that are sent out; Amy thought it was a good idea with the exception of clients in senior housing who are not eligible for fuel assistance.

Senior Center Architectural/Engineering Study—nothing new to report; Amy will check with Dan Byer who was awaiting information on the well.

Summer Events Update—Senior cookout July 14: food is all set; there are 35 attendees plus volunteers; will be indoors and guests will be served from a serving table rather than self-serve. Senior Tea July 31: menu is all set; Earl will provide piano tunes; invitations will be mailed this week. Ice Cream Social August 24: entertainment provided by "Orchestra of One"; attendees will be served from a serving table rather than self-serve.

COA Board—Dona Son was appointed by the Select Board; she has also been recommended for Tri-Valley's Board.

New Business

Acceptable Behavior Policy—needs updating; we reviewed the May 2018 version; Amy felt we should include the van in the behavior policy due to a recent incident; Earl suggested replacing him/herself with oneself and Peg said he/she should be they; we completed some other wording changes to include the van and the food pantry. Some board members felt everyone should be informed upfront of the behavior policy, but there was uncertainty about this, so Amy will check with other centers to see how they handle it.

Renewed Service Contracts—SHINE Health Insurance Counseling is housed at the Milford Senior Center and Amy had to sign off on some documents to keep our participation going; also, we are involved with EMHOT(Emergency Mental Health) with 4 other towns and Amy wrote a letter of support in order for Mendon to continue in the program.

Storage Options—our POD contract is up July 22; rental cost is \$200/month; we need to come up with a permanent solution for storage of medical equipment; Amy would prefer for it to not go back into the garage; Peg suggested BVT students might be interested in helping if funds were provided; Earl suggested renting POD for another couple of months until we get a solution in place.

Driver Safety—Entrance/Exit Parking Lot—Fly the Flags are obstructing view of some drivers; flags are down now so we can see if the flags are the problem; we also discussed ways to get traffic to slow down.

Open Forum

Peg asked if the Lion's Club still needs the van to shuttle people for their Country Fair; Amy said she will find out.

Amy mentioned building use requests are starting to pick up.

Senior of the Year 2022—7 nominations were received for 6 individuals. The nominations will be reviewed and voted on after adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 am. Next meeting Sept 14 due to August vacations.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary