

COA Meeting Notes

June 1, 2022

Earl called the meeting to order at 10am. Members present: Earl Pearlman, Peg Nogueira, Diane Howell, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Also present: Dona Son, who will appear before the Select Board on June 22, 2022 for her appointment to fill one of the vacancies on the COA Board, and Friends' Vice President Betsy Edsall. This meeting at the Town Hall was being video recorded so Earl had us go around the table and introduce ourselves with our titles.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. The Director's report will be interspersed throughout, but Amy did want to inform us of two recent requests regarding the van. The Mendon Lions Club asked if they could use the van as a shuttle on Sunday, October 9, for their Country Fair, which they are not sure where it will be held this year. We will reconsider this request in July when we have more facts. Last week Georgia Dean's daughter asked if the van could be used to transport folks to a dance recital in Bellingham with free tickets to any senior who wants to attend. We felt it was too short notice with no time to advertize, possibly no available driver and it's the same day as the Progressive Yard Sale.

Betsey Edsall gave the Friends' report: there are now 78 dues paying members; many ads have been purchased for the Progressive Yard Sale map booklet; they did receive a scholarship application, which was awarded to Andrew Jacques, a Nipmuc senior. He has committed to 20 hours of volunteer service to the senior center; the Kennebunk ME trip is sold out; next meeting June 13, 2022.

Old Business

Food Pantry Update—very well stocked; two Nipmuc students, who are concerned with food waste, want to donate non-perishable food items left over from their cafeteria to the food pantry; Mendon Drive-in contacted Amy to see if

we would like them to do a food drive for the food pantry; Amy is trying to get more details on this.

Senior Center Architectural/Engineering Study—nothing new—Anne Mazar said Dan Byer, who is on the Water Board, is awaiting more information.

Summer Functions—the menu is set for the Senior Cookout on Thursday July 14; last month we decided it was prudent to limit the indoor seating to 35 persons, so we will have outdoor seating under a tent or seating in the garage, if it is very hot; Amy will contact the Police and Fire Chiefs to see if they would like to help serve.

Senior Tea—Sunday July 31—Earl will entertain on the piano; the menu will consist of cucumber sandwiches, peach pie with whipped cream, coffee, punch and of course, tea.

Ice Cream Social—Wednesday August 24—Amy has a couple of possible entertainers in mind who will be sponsored by The Friends.

New Business

End of Fiscal Year Update—our budget was approved at the ATM.

Program Updates—Tuesday lunch returned in May; Tri-Valley is steering away from Grab n'Go meals; in order to have food delivered in stainless pans we need a minimum of 12 people; we do not always get that many who want to sit inside; Amy found out that many folks prefer the pre-packaged meals; she will clarify with Tri-Valley if we could continue these for now. The game activities are well attended. The Elder Law program is rescheduled to Wednesday June 22. Six people have signed up for the hypnotherapy stress reduction program. Blood Pressure clinic continues on first Tuesday of the month. Janet Hubener is finishing the memory training program. Evening yoga is done for the summer. Seven nominations have been received for Senior of the Year. The Mendon Minstrels Concert and pizza luncheon was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

COA Board Appointments—Select Board Mtg June 22—approval of Diane Howell for another three year term; Dona Son will attend with Amy for approval of her appointment to fill one vacancy on the COA Board

Staff Vacation Schedule—Wayne will cover for Mark if he wants to take some time off; Janet has not decided on vacation time yet; Melissa will be out from June 27 to July 7; Amy will be gone June 3 to June 13 and August 8 to August 22.

Open Forum

Betsey reminded everyone of the Dairy Queen fundraiser tonight from 5-8pm where a portion of proceeds will go to the Friends.

Amy received a request from Jim Buckley for an acapella singalong sometime in July.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am. Next meeting July 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary