

COA Meeting Notes

January 11, 2017

Kevin called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Members present: Kevin Rudden, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Peg Nogueira, Mary Ann Hopkins, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson Kent. Bob Gebelein was also present for a portion of the meeting.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy gave a verbal Director's report along with the 2016 van trip report, the 2017 Senior Center Calendar of Events including information on the Wellness Support Group and Yoga—Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Amy is currently discussing with LPi for printing the newsletter and obtaining ads. The goal is to get the newsletter out asap. Since LPi needs a few months to amp up, Kevin's son Andrew will assist Amy in getting out a couple of issues beforehand, with printing by PostalCenter.com. Dan Byer contacted Amy for the schedule of outside group meetings at the senior center. He is setting up a central location out of the town admin office showing the booked meetings for the town.

Kevin reported briefly for The Friends that they want to know if we would like a storage shed for medical equipment. Kevin said there are two Eagle Scouts looking for projects. He will contact their scout leaders.

Old Business

Food Pantry—the new Muffin House in Mendon will donate unsold muffins to the senior center along with other community involvement like fund raisers, etc.

Senior Tax Abatement—going along well, both town and schools being served.

FY18 Budget—regarding the senior center municipal clerk position, Town Administrator is recommending average salary in order to attract candidates. She

also approved requesting \$20,000 from Capital Planning for architectural study for senior center addition.

Van Link to Milford Bus—Kevin plans to have a representative come in early March to sell Charlie discount cards for seniors for the T and Milford Bus Service.

Exterior/Interior Railings—are done and Amy is pleased with the result.

MCOA Grant—due to a heavy response, we were only approved for one pocket talker at \$37.00. We will order this, it's a good start. We will find another use for the donations for Lou Merolli.

HealthFair/Open House—Earl printed guidelines for setting up an event of this nature and concluded we need a lot more time. The sub-committee will meet on Wed. Jan 25 at 10am and decide on a date for this fall.

New Business

Mendon Eldest Resident—is Grace Lovely age 98. Amy spoke with her daughter and although she lives in Milford Countryside, she is still a registered voter and maintains her home on Bates Street. The cane will be presented to her within the next two weeks.

Library Home Delivery—Amy was contacted by Chris Heumann who is setting up a program for shut-ins. This can be coordinated with our Outreach Worker. Earl brought up the fact that pick-up could be a problem due to lending deadlines.

2017 Calendar of Events—Amy has contracted with Jack Ryan, a magician who uses audience participation. He is available on May 3, 2017. The theme will be Volunteers are the magic that makes the senior center happen. Earl suggested magic (wizard) hats for the attendees. Amy will contact Nelly's in Milford for catering the event.

Open Forum

Kevin reported on a new MA State law giving 1st preference for senior housing to veterans living anywhere in the state.

Amy and Janet are currently working with the Fire Dept on battery and smoke detector checks for residents who signed up.

Ann reminded that we need to take a vote to approve Amy's performance evaluation. Peg made the motion. Carol seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary