

COA Meeting Notes
July 9, 2014

Jim called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. Members present: Jim Negri, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Kevin Rudden and Ann Vandersluis. Bob Carlson arrived at 10:50 am. Mary Ann Hopkins was absent. Also present: Amy Wilson Kent, Director.

The Secretary, Treasurer and Director's reports were approved unanimously. During review of the director's report, discussion ensued regarding use of the building two nights per week by the Parks Dept. for profit Zumba classes. The feeling was that we should receive some type of compensation in the form of a donation to help defray utility expenses. Other groups that use the center on a regular basis do make donations. However, this is a town department, but since they charge for profit, there is a fine line as to what is appropriate. Amy will discuss this with the Town Administrator at her next monthly meeting and also with Jay Byer, Parks Dept head. Ann read correspondence from a senior who received help from Beverly Hart, our Outreach Worker, praising her for her professionalism, patience and kindness in resolving her situation. Another correspondence was from Millville Senior Center asking if any of our van drivers would be interested in picking up some extra driving hours. Amy will pass this on to Wally Mathews and Russ Dudley.

Old Business

Building Maintenance—refurbishing the deck was done by Jeff Chase of Task Masters, Bob Gebelein painted the trim that was replaced on the shed, Kevin Rudden replaced a section of the front railing that was rotted. He volunteered to do the remaining sections of railing if someone would sand them. It was felt that since there is a lot of rot, it would be best to replace all sections with pressure treated wood. Kevin will go with Amy or Bob G. where we have an account to purchase the materials. Cost is estimated to be about \$100, which will come from the gift account. Dick Skinner has volunteered to repaint the Mendon Senior Center letters on the front of the building. The board felt black satin finish would look best.

Food Pantry Update—food distribution took place on Monday, July 7, 2014. We received a monetary donation from Give With Liberty.

COA Cookout—Amy and Jim have the menu under control. Diana Carter, Mary Ann and Ann will set up tables on Wed, July 16, 2014. Jim will check the gas tanks on the grills to make sure they don't need refilling. Amy will contact Bill Snow to clean the grills.

Summer Events—so far there are 14 people signed up to attend the Senior Tea on Aug 3, 2014. Earl has volunteered to play the piano for the event. The Ice Cream Social is all set. Teen volunteers have been contacted and an Elvis impersonator is scheduled for Aug 6, 2014.

New Business

Accessibility Update—Kevin is in the process of obtaining three bids, per request of the town accountant, for replacement of the entry door with a handicap door. There will be cost savings for us if the person we go with does more than one door on the same day.

Survey Results—the Survey Committee will reconvene on Aug 7, 2014 to review the results and determine if there are any needs that we are not presently meeting that should be addressed.

Senior of the Year—there was a nice article in Milford Daily news on Robin Fletcher. The Sept 21, 2014 date works for him. We all agreed to fund the cake from the gift account.

Funding for Exercise Programs—this coming year more money will come from the state grant for Outreach due to CHNA grant no longer available for small projects. We need to do research on other grants for funding for exercise. If grants don't pan out, we could ask the Friends for help in sharing the cost with the COA.

Open Forum

The Town Administrator approved Amy taking Fridays off during the summer to use up some of her accumulating vacation time. She will also be taking a week in Aug from 11-15. Since our Aug meeting falls during this time, we decided not to meet in August this year.

Amy received an email from Chrissy Horn inviting seniors to a program by Mendon Skippers at the fire station on Aug 1, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Vandersluis
Secretary

Cc: Jim Negri