

COA Meeting Notes
May 14, 2014

Jim called meeting to order at 9:10 am. Members present: Jim Negri, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Mary Ann Hopkins, Kevin Rudden and Ann Vandersluis. Absent: Bob Carlson. Also present: Director, Amy Wilson Kent; Friends President, Sue Carlson and Mendon's new Town Administrator, Kim Newman.

We all introduced ourselves to Kim and spent some time telling her about the senior center and current happenings. At 10:00 we took a short break so Amy could take Kim on a tour.

The secretary, treasurer and director's reports were all unanimously approved. Sue Carlson gave the Friends report. The four day, three night Penn Dutch trip was enjoyed by all 29 participants. The next trip is a day trip for a boat cruise on Cape Cod Canal with lunch at Daniel Webster Inn...cost \$74 a person. The Friends purchased new valances for upstairs and have approved purchasing seven new cobalt blue tablecloths. John Trainor is working diligently on getting ads for the Progressive Yard Sale booklet. He is also coordinating another Dairy Queen fundraiser where the Friends receive a percentage of proceeds on a particular date during certain hours.

Old Business

Food Pantry—past month was busy with several pick-ups on Wed nites.

ATM Land Purchase—annual town meeting approved purchase of the land for future senior center expansion. Kevin will get estimates from a few architects to see if a rendering is affordable at this time.

Volunteer Appreciation—went very well and came in slightly under budget.

Senior of the Year Nominations—Amy reported we have received two nominations so far and one happens to be a COA board member. We decided that person will not be present during deliberations.

Cook-out July 16—we decided on past years' menu and format. Earl suggested adding cole slaw and every one thought this was a good idea.

New Business

Senior Tea—we set the date for August 3, 2014.

Ice Cream Social—will be either Aug 13 or 20 depending upon when the entertainment being provided by the Friends can make it, hopefully Aug 20.

Building Maintenance—a section needs to be replaced on the entry railing. Kevin will ask a carpenter acquaintance if he would be interested in doing the job. Kevin reported that a price to install the automatic door will be given in June at the same time as pricing for the town hall. The rotting portion of the shed was replaced by a laid off heavy equipment operator volunteer. Bob Gebelein will paint the area. Regarding the deck, we talked about downgrading to regular paint as opposed to Deck Restore. Amy will get new quotes from past vendors she contacted.

Open Forum

We discussed and all felt that escorts for wheelchair bound seniors attending bus trips are required and are the disabled person's responsibility.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Vandersluis
Secretary

Cc: Jim Negri