

COA Meeting Notes

October 14, 2015

Kevin called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. Members present: Kevin Rudden, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Mary Ann Hopkins, Peg Noguiera, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Bob Carlson was absent. Friends' members present: Nancy Jenkins, Dick Skinner, Bob Gebelein, Tom Irons and Lou Meroli.

The Secretary's report was approved with one very minor correction. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved. Amy gave a verbal Director's report because she was away at a conference last week. She said it cost \$125 to fix the light on the front of the building so the parking lot is well lit. It was decided to pay for it out of contract services line item in our budget. The Friends have again agreed to pay for the copier maintenance fee, which has now gone up to \$325. Amy and Kevin both reported on MCOA workshops they attended. Written reports will follow.

Friends' Report: the Venus de Milo trip was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The raffle basket table at the Lion's Country Fair was very successful. The Oktoberfest is the next event to take place Oct 23 and 24.

Old Business

Food Pantry—Carol has left two voicemails for Jen Callihan re: fresh fruits and veggies, but has not heard back yet. The Scouts will be delivering signs to residents on Oct 31 for the Nov 7 food drive. Carol will again be ordering gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas in lieu of turkeys.

Tax Abatement Program—Amy reported it is going well.

New Grill—we received the \$250 donation from Milford National. Kevin reported only very expensive grills remain in stock. He will check Walmart, but otherwise we will have to wait until spring.

Senior of the Year—was a very nice event and was extremely well attended. The Town Crier article was very complimentary to the COA.

Veteran's Appreciation—the police department will once again sponsor the breakfast. The Mendon Minstrels will sing. Kitchen help is lined up. Amy and Kevin will shop.

Holiday Dinner—date has been changed to Wed, Dec 9. Karen Wheet will once again prepare the meal. We discussed having something other than chicken and 'comfort foods' as it is a holiday dinner, so it should be kind of special.

New Business

Senior Center Study—Kevin reported that the Friends of the Police committee have decided not to turn their building over to the town unless it is to be used as a police station. We decided not to pursue a study of both buildings at this time unless the BOS continues to promote their idea of converting the senior center to a police station and the police station into the senior center.

Policy Review Committee—we decided to review one policy at each meeting in lieu of a committee.

Open Forum

Amy received notice that the fiscal 17 budget is due no later than Nov 7, 2015. Everyone agreed that Kevin and Amy should work on the budget. Kevin intends to include under level services the five additional hours for the director's position that we have been requesting the past four years.

Amy reported the oldest resident passed away and the cane has been returned. Beverly Hart and Amy will deliver the cane to the next oldest resident.

Cultural Council grants need to be endorsed soon. We decided upon a skit called "An Accidental Wedding" for Volunteer Appreciation in April 2016.

Bob Gebelein requested a new vacuum for the van. He has been using his but it is no longer functioning. Carol made a motion to allow up to \$75 from the van account to purchase a new vacuum. Peg seconded. All Approved.

Dick Skinner reported he will be putting a second coat of paint on the entry door. Also, he needs help removing the air conditioner so he can finish repairing the rotted windowsill. Finally, he is thinking of doing a petition stating not in favor of this building as a police station. He will seek feedback from the BOS at their next meeting during open forum and will decide from there whether or not to go ahead with the petition. At any rate, it's Dick's call.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary