

COA MINUTES FOR January 6, 2016

Final **Draft minutes!**

Present: David Dann, Marilyn Tibbetts, Melissa O'Neil-Makepeace, Linda Avis-Scott guest, Sally Fairfield, Leslie Bracebridge and David Wheeler. Presenter Laurie Deskavich, from Franklin County Home Care Corporation (FCHCC)

Meeting Called to order at 5:35 by David Dann

- Motion to approve November's minutes was passed, 3 approved.
- David Wheeler has agreed to update the COA website. Items to fix include current board members, minutes of past meetings, calendar of events, newsletters and current activities and events. David will get in touch with the Web Committee.
- The COA has agreed to write a letter of support to the Community Preservation Committee that endorses Jessica Carlson-Belanger's application for a running/walking tract on the upper field of the elementary school. Melissa has agreed to write the letter on behalf of the COA. Motion to write a letter of support 4 approved.
- The COA also approved the library's request to use the senior lounge on March 1 for a bake sale, 4 approved.
- Our Town Newsletter will be going out in early February. David has agreed to send Linda a list of events/notices for the newsletter. Linda will edit the draft and send it to Janis for inclusion.
- The COA quarterly newsletter will be going out toward the end of February and Sally will collect/write material for the newsletter. The COA will meet February 10th to review the draft. (*meeting posted, please send Sally any info needed for newsletter*)
- COA will meet twice in February, 10th for newsletter review and 24th for our regular COA meeting.
- Sally told us that Jill Marland will be sending out a notice for the first meeting of the Aging in Place task force. The plan is for a late January meeting. After the initial meeting the new task force will become a sitting committee of the COA and needs to follow all the Open Meeting regulations. David announced the \$1000 donation to the Aging in Place Task Force from the Shutesbury Education Foundation.
- Our first spring Pot Luck lunch will be Tuesday March 8th, with a snow date of the 15th.
- The COA is planning a spring Open House on Saturday April 16th. Melissa has agreed to organize the event. Plans so far include Ziporah's Bars demonstration and FCHCC representative from the Information and Caregiver Resource Center. Mostly the Open House will be a great opportunity for the COA to highlight their activities and enjoy our neighbors.
- Laurie Deskavich, FCHCC Program Director of the Information and Caregivers Center spoke at length about all the resources and services available to community. The big take away was how important it is for folks searching out resources to call the FCHCC Information and Caregiver Resource Center. They are equipped to match the need folks have and are very willing to help. Laurie also stated they often come to folks homes as well. Laurie left the COA with packets of materials that explain all the various programs and resources and encouraged anyone to call them at 773-5555 with any questions or concerns.
- There was very little time left so the COA postponed program updates till February.
- Adjourned 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted, David C. Dann