

COA MINUTES FOR October 12, 2016

Present: David Dann, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Linda Avis Scott, David Wheeler, Marilyn Tibbets, and Sally Fairfield guest

Meeting Called to order at 5:35 by David Dann

- September 14 minutes approved; 5-0.
- There was a very small turn out for the Open House. Discussion centered around having an evening event with perhaps a specific program.
- The State grant for Shutesbury COA increased to \$5000. The council voted 5-0 to put the extra \$1000 toward programming. We have already spent \$200 this year for the yoga classes on Wednesday mornings. Linda will give Becky the new budget changes.
- We discussed the next newsletter to go out some time before Thanksgiving. Sally got good feedback from her interview with Jean Footit. We discussed that perhaps she could interview Walter Tibbets for the next newsletter. Sally will have a draft of the newsletter for our next meeting November 9th. Sally will also touch base with Mary Anne to see if the Library will continue the yoga classes after the holidays and perhaps the COA can help with funding again.
- The COA approved 5-0 a letter of support for Ben Grosscup's grant application to the Cultural Council. If funding is approved a coffee house type evening event will be scheduled sometime in 2018.
- Discussion on a COA fund raiser was very lively. Linda will check on how and if it can work for the COA and report to us at our next meeting. What we thought we would like to do is a dinner and bingo night at the AC club and a Triva night and desert in the senior lounge. David Dann and David Wheeler will see about possible triva host. David Wheeler will see about bingo equipment from the Bangs center. David Wheeler will also check to see about a program with David Hayes the weatherman. Another idea for program was a wine and paint event. The council will try and plan something during the winter months when a lot is not going on.
- Sally Fairfield discussed with us that three members of the Aging in Place Task force will be interviewing Shutesbury elders to see what kind of services they need/want that would enable them to stay in their homes. We reviewed a letter that will be sent to them in advance of the home interviews and included a sentence that the task force is working on behalf of the Shutesbury Council on Aging. The Task Force is a subcommittee of the COA even though not all the members have been appointed by the Shutesbury Select Board as sitting members to the Task force. That relationship exists with certain open meeting law requirements and that needs to be maintained until and if the Task Force becomes an independent 501c3.
- Marilyn presented the fire chief's Safe Grant request of \$2000 for support from the COA. The council approved 5-0 to support the grant that will provide free house numbers to seniors. We also discussed having Walter Tibbets come to a future COA meeting to discuss the various safety programs in place and how Shutesbury's lock box program works.
- Next Pot Luck will be November 1 and December 6. Linda will put an announcement in Next Door Shutesbury.
- Our discussion, seniors with pets will wait till next month when Jean will be with us.
- Meeting adjourn 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted, David C. Dann