

COA MINUTES FOR January 18, 2017

Present: David Dann, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, David Wheeler, Marilyn Tibbetts, Jean Footit, Susan Millinger and Sally Fairfield guests

Meeting Called to order at 5:35 by David Dann

- The COA welcomed Susan Millinger to join the council. A motion was approved 5-0 to recommend Susan Millinger to the selectboard to fill the final vacancy on the COA.
- December 14 minutes were approved 5-0 as amended.
- Sally Fairfield, newsletter editor asked David Wheeler for help with the newsletter-associate editor? The next newsletter will focus on Aging in Place Task Force, interview Tim Hunting, Bingo and all the various COA updates. Sally will bring a draft to the February meeting. The newsletter will go out mid-end of February. At our February meeting we will plan a folding party.
- The COA decided to have just one fun event (Bingo) at the SAC. Melissa will check with selectboard if it will be March 24 or March 31. The selectboard will do soup/bread from 6-7 and bingo will be sponsored by COA from 7-8:30. Some of the planning included prizes (foot clinic session, soaps, historical post cards, library books, etc.). We agreed that a \$5 donation will entitle participants to a seat-(number of bingo cards up to each individual) and kids are free. Desert will also be served during bingo. David Wheeler and Melissa will host the affair. David Wheeler will get all the equipment from the Amherst Senior Center and we will discuss the rules we want to play under in February.
- The COA voted 5-0 to support the Aging in Place Task Force's request to continue their membership with the Village to Village network. The cost is \$100 for another six month opportunity membership. The connection to VTV networks gives the task force support and tool kits as it proceeds to determine services for Wendell, Leverett, Pelham and Shutesbury residents.
- The COA voted 5-0 to support spring yoga class with a \$200 donation. After we review our expenses in March/April if money is available we can increase that amount or do other program activities.
- The pot luck lunches will now be called community pot luck. The thinking behind the change is to make the pot lunches for all ages and welcome all folks.
- Trivia will be considered at some later date unless Bingo proves to be popular and we can do another bingo night.
- Jean will lead us in a discussion on Hospice and palliative care with the possibility of conducting a series in the spring.
- David Wheeler will report back to us regarding Health Clinics.
- Susan will share with us Roads Scholar in March
- Meeting adjourn 6.52pm.

Respectfully submitted, David C. Dann