

COA MINUTES FOR April 12, 2017

Present: David Dann, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, David Wheeler, Susan Millinger, Linda Avis-Scott, Jean Footit, and Sally Fairfield guest

Meeting Called to order at 5:35 by David Dann. Several folks need to leave early so we will end about 6:45

- March 8, 2017 COA minutes were approved 3-0-1.
- Bingo night after the Selectboard dinner was very successful. Thank you notes will be sent out to Athletic Club, Amherst Senior Center, Deans Beans, Library and Black Sheep. The fact that it is considering gaming might prevent us from having future bingo nights.
- There will be one more COA newsletter going out sometime in June.
- Village Neighbors (Aging in Place Task Force) submitted a \$15,000 grant proposal to jump start their effort to provide services for folks who want to remain in their homes. The grant is to the Department of Housing and Community Services and LifePath is the fiscal conduit. If the grant is funded LifePath will write a Memorandum of Agreement with Shutesbury Council on Aging detailing how the money will be spent. Village Neighbors hopes to serve a total of five towns, Shutesbury, Leverett, Pelham, Wendell, and New Salem. The Village Neighbors also formed a Steering Committee that will meet in between their monthly meetings.
- Linda gave us a run down of our fiscal activity. We have three grants
Town Grant \$200- We have spent 168 on MCOA-we will discuss if we want to renew next year
Dept. Elder Affairs \$4500 We spent 400 on Yoga Classes, 452 on Newsletter, 295 Foot Clinic, and 1660 Med-ride. We estimate we will spend 200 next newsletter, 200 for spring yoga, and 400 for med-ride the next two months. That will leave a grant balance of about 1000. In the next month or two we will discuss what to do with the approximately 1000 of unspent money.
Gift account-(like a revolving fund) on the income side 815 was carried over from last year, 1385 came in from the foot clinic and 190 from bingo that totaled 2390 what was spent from the grant was 1275 foot clinic, 241 to Aging in Place Task force. A balance of 874 of which a majority is earmarked for the village to village-aging in place task force that came from a donation of 1000 from the Shutesbury Education Foundation for the task force.
- David Wheeler will work on updating the COA web page, and what resources are available for Shutesbury residents at the Amherst Senior Center..
- David Dann reported back to the council that the Amherst resident who attended the foot clinic in March was very satisfied and it worked out well. The council approved that non residents of Shutesbury may attend the foot clinic if there is room and that they contribute the full amount footcare by Nurses assesses the town. David also reported that the med ride program is in the process of recruiting three more volunteer drivers.
- We also postpone discussing a health series on hospice and palliative care until Jean can join us.
- David reported that we received a request for Shutesbury footclinic from an Amherst resident. It was voted on 4-0 that folks from other towns can participate in the foot clinic only if there is room and they pay the full fee we are charged for at the clinic. David will report back to the COA on the Amherst client.

Meeting adjourn 6.40pm.

Respectfully submitted, David C. Dann