**COA Minutes for July 11, 2018**

**Present**: David Dann, Susan Millinger, Linda Avis Scott. Absent, Melissa Makepeace-O’Neil and David Wheeler.

Meeting called to order at 5:32 by David Dann.

**Minutes of June 13, 2018** were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**The next issue of *Geezette*** will be published in November or December.

**Discussion of rescheduled program**. The Senior Medicare Patrol program has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 19at 6:30 p.m.We will make specific Public Relations/Publicity plans at the August meeting. We expect to use the Town Announce system, Nextdoor Shutesbury, and also the Town newsletter, if it will be out in time. David will take the publicity to Village Neighbors so that the other towns are notified. Linda will ask the Senior Medicare Patrol people for a poster.

**Discussion of Next Year’s Grant:**

a. **Discussion of dues to Massachusetts Council on Aging (MCOA).** Question: can we pay our dues from the State grant? David will call to check. Moved and approved: pending approval from the State of this use of the grant funds, the Committee will allocate its MCOA dues from the State grant. The Allocation below includes that dues payment. If we are not permitted to use the State grant that way, the allocation will change in that the $200 directed to dues will go to increase Med-Ride.

b. **Allocation of funds** from State grant:

Foot Clinic, $500

Newsletter, $800

Med-Ride, $1800.

Program activities: $1700

Membership dues, $200.

Total: $5,000.

This allocation was moved and approved. Linda will give the information to Becky, and ask for a copy of the grant application for the Committee.

**Updates:**

The **Foot Clinic** in June ran into a problem: the nurse had to leave for a while (to get working equipment). As a result, some individuals’ sessions had to be rescheduled or cancelled. This first-time occurrence demonstrated the importance of having a member of COA present during the Clinic. David Dann is present at every Clinic.

**Village Neighbors**. The committees are hard at work; it is hoped that services will begin in October. David will be meeting with a start-up group from Amherst.

**Community Potluck** had two new members in July. We will need to remind people (and advertise) that in September Potluck will be on the second Tuesday because the first Tuesday is the primary election.

**Med-Ride**. There were no riders in June.

**New Business:**

David suggested that we **honor the med-rid drivers at a Community Potluck.** It was agreed that we would schedule this on November 13 (the election on the first Tuesday means another second Tuesday luncheon.) David and Linda will write a letter of invitation to the drivers (using this opportunity also to ask for a copy of each driver’s current insurance) before the next meeting. We will use the next Town newsletter to promote the event.

The drivers are: JoAnn Bernhard, David Dann, Andy Fairfield, Elaine Puleo and Susan Rice. Leslie Luchonok and Robert Woo also occasionally drive.

We will give a gift of a piece of Shutesbury apparel (a cap was suggested), using our Town expense line, since the State grant cannot cover such expenses.

**Other Business:**

**Committee Memberships**. Linda reminded us that the Select Board reappoints members to the Committee; all the current members have indicated a desire to be reappointed.

Linda commented that there is a seat for a COA member on the ADA Committee, a committee which meets only when a relevant issue comes up. No one of the three members present was interested in holding this seat. Linda will report to Becky that at the present time, we have no one interested in joining the ADA Committee.

It was agreed that we need to advertise for people interested in appointment to the COA’s current two vacancies. We can use the next Town newsletter and the Help Wanted section of the Town website.

**Future program idea**: Kathy Sward is to be asked (by Susan) if she would like to meet with the Committee at its August or September meetings to talk about a possible weekend program focusing on senior health and what people can benefit from doing on their own. The program would be aimed at people not currently involved in the strength training for seniors and therapeutic yoga classes. She is to be invited to come around 6 p.m. for 30 minutes or so of discussion.

*Next Meeting: August 15th, 5:30 p.m.* Since we are meeting on the third, not second Wednesday in August, David will send a special reminder to all members.

**Meeting adjourned, 6:17 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Susan Millinger, secretary