

COA Minutes for August 15, 2018

Present: David Dann, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Susan Millinger, Linda Avis Scott. Unable to attend: David Wheeler. Guest, Mary Anne Antonellis.

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

Minutes of July 11, 2018 were unanimously approved as amended.

Announcements: Franklin County Sheriff's Office's 4th Annual Senior Health and Safety Expo, September 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Schuetzen Verein, Barton Cove, Gill.

An Intergenerational Symposium, Connecting the Dots, sponsored by Bridges Together Inc., September 28 at Lasell College, Newton.

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Service is sponsoring a series of VA Aid and Attendance Programs around the area this fall. COA decided to send this information to our Veterans Service District Assistant Representative, Al Springer.

David Dann announced that he is now getting MCOA news on email.

Old Business:

MCOA Grant Application. Linda announced that the grant application had arrived. A motion to empower David Dann to sign the completed application for the COA was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

It was suggested that the COA increase its request from the Town in the next budget request, so that COA will be able to cover the kinds of expenses the MCOA grant will not cover. Suggested: that we request \$500 rather than \$200.

Preparations for Senior Medicare Patrol program. The Senior Medicare Patrol program will take place on Wednesday, September 19. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.; light refreshments will be available from 6 p.m.

Publicity plans: Linda has the Senior Medicare Patrol's poster; she plans to post copies of it around town. David will advertise the event at the upcoming Quarterly Neighbors meeting, taking a poster. Notice will be posted on Town Announce two weeks before the event; Melissa will post it on Nextdoor Shutesbury, and the program will be advertised in the Town newsletter, which most people should get 4-5 days ahead of time.

Light refreshment responsibilities: Tea and coffee from the Keurig; Linda will bring some seltzer for an alternative. Food: cookies (Melissa); crackers and cheese (Susan); fruit (David). Melissa will bring napkins. There are small plates among our supplies.

The key to the kitchen cabinets and drawers. Melissa volunteered to ask Marilyn Tibbetts for the key so that we can access the COA supplies in the kitchen.

Event to Honor the med-ride drivers (at a Community Potluck on November 13.) It was decided to broaden this to make it an event to honor the med-ride drivers and other volunteers. Marilyn Tibbetts will also be honored at this event. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously

passed to make Marilyn an Honorary Member of the COA. We will surprise her with that announcement at the event on November 13.

Linda and Susan will shop for the gifts of Shutesbury caps at Celebrate Shutesbury.

Discussion of the Grant for 2018-19 and related matters:

- a. **Report about dues to Massachusetts Council on Aging (MCOA).** David has discovered that we can pay our dues from the State grant
- b. **Programming budget:** Towards the end of the meeting, Mary Anne Antonellis met with us to talk about the Library's programming plans for 2018-2019. Many of these are aimed at, or also appeal to seniors. A motion to support the fall programs Mary Anne described with a grant of \$500 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- c. **Program assistance.** It was decided to clean out the COA cabinet so that Mary Anne can have it for equipment for the health-related programs which the Library is running and COA is supporting. David Dann and Susan plan to do this after the September Foot Clinic.

Updates:

The **Foot Clinic** has a new nurse, who has been here two months.

Village Neighbors. October 14th is the planned date for the beginning of the roll-out of services, and a big celebration at the Athletic Club.

Community Potluck continues to thrive. 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. The program has been slow since the last COA meeting, but it has a new rider. It is planned to take the Med-Ride flyer to Celebrate Shutesbury, putting it on the table with the maps.

Next Meeting: September 12th, 5:30 p.m. Kathy Sward will be our guest, coming between 6 and 6:30.

Meeting adjourned, 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Millinger, secretary