

Council on Aging Minutes for Virtual Meeting of May 8, 2024

Approved at the meeting of June 12, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:42 p.m.

A roll call of those present: Martha Favre (MF), Janis Gray (JSG), Jessica Makepeace (JM) Susan Millinger (SM) and Jeanette Stockton (JS).

Minutes of the Meeting of April 10, 2024: *A motion was made to approve as amended the minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.*

Business:

Financial Update: for the month of April, 2024

Funding remaining:

Unspent:	\$984.43		
EEOA grant (second half):	<u>\$3997.00</u>		
		Available to spend:	\$4981.43

Anticipated expenses:

Footcare:	\$1,112.00		
Fitness Classes:	\$1,500.00		
<u>Geezette:</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>		
		Total anticipated	\$3422.00

Expenses (drawn from Anticipated Expenses)

FootCare Clinic (April):		\$ 237.00
Library Classes		<u>\$1560.00</u>
	Total	\$1797.00

Anticipated expenses (above):	\$3422.00	
<u>Less April expenses:</u>	<u>\$1797.00</u>	
		New balance for anticipated expenses: \$1625.00

Remainder available to be spent: \$1,559.43.

Other Business

Letter to Select Board about the Age-Friendly Action Plan, drafted by JS, was discussed.

Update on Footcare

The Footcare Clinic will return to Town Hall on the third Wednesday of June with Foot Clinic nurse Nan Mead. The hours will be 9 to 1, with 30-minute appointments. Susan

Gomberg has agreed to manage the Clinic: calling about appointments when needed, checking patients in, collecting checks, etc and depositing money as required. She has already been answering the COA phone. The room is ready; MF will have a day to ensure it's open. Publicity: JSG asks about what to put on the COA website; MF raises the possibility of using a sandwich board to remind people of the event.

Unanticipated Business:

Retirement of longtime member JoAnn Bernhart. JB has sent a letter to the Select Board notifying them of her retirement. MF suggests a small farewell party: a lunch, possibly potluck, at MF's house, toward the end of May or in early June.

Getting everyone on the COA@shutesbury.org list. MF talked to the chair of Web Communications, Gail Fleischaker, who referred her to Fred Steinberg to find out how to do this.

Digital Equity Committee of FRCOG: Our local Broadband Committee is sending out a survey; the COA was notified of it; MF will go to the meeting to see what services are available.

Smart Phone Workshops: The second session, with its two classes, one on Iphone and one on Android was again well-attended (Iphone: 6; Android: 4) and well-received. MF is willing to run another.

Elder Fraud: SM asks if JSG could put information about MA Attorney General's office's Elder Justice unit on the COA website and promises to provide the info.

Transportation: Still needed: a letter to the Select Board to remind them to contact FRTA to start the Call Service.

Village Neighbors Party: JS reminds us of the party on May 19 at the Leverett Co-op: party at noon, annual meeting 1-3

New Position: Jessica has agreed to be COA treasurer!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: *A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously approved in a roll call vote. Adjourned at 6:52.*

Respectfully submitted, Susan Millinger, Secretary