

MINUTES OF COA BOARD MEETING - February 23, 2021

Attending (via Zoom) R. Montella, C. DeSouza, S. Tipton, P. Hoagland, K. Adams, S. Kelliher, C. Winterfeldt, P. Nichols, G. Hawn, P. Gray, L. Howe, T. Caldicott, R. Sortor, J. Rousseau, S. Peirce, C. Williams, Charles Blaney, S. Hall. A. Reycroft, M. Maris, D. Moores

Meeting called to order at 9:32

Minutes: Moved, seconded and VOTED to approve as corrected.

Treasurer: We have asked for an extension to the transportation grant beyond March 31st.

Moved, seconded and VOTED to accept Treasurer report.

Friends of COA: Serena Hall and Audrey Recroft reviewed history of Friends' fundraising and why it has slowed down. The Friends still generate approximately \$10,000/year in funds. At this date they have a total \$223,000 held in 4 CDs. The primary goal of this group as stated in its by-laws has been fund-raising from the beginning. The COA Board encourages this activity to continue.

Director: Introduction of Melinda Maris, Elder Advocate. Her primary goal is to identify Seniors at risk and help them get services. Hours are M,T,Th,Fri ,contact email COA Outreach at SherbornMA.org. Welcome Melinda!

JFK has raised rates from \$28.50 to \$30.00. It was moved, seconded and VOTED with 1 abstention to write a letter of agreement.

COA offices will be moving upstairs to Selectman's space next month.

LIFETIME LEARNING - Renee Montella: New poetry writing and photography classes.

12 people signed up for Technology support. We have 4 volunteers, 5 new iPads and covers.

2 consultants (Tricia Grant and Ken Gardner) for help with PC and Mac use. They will be paid by grant money until it runs out.

11 people took advantage of buckets of sand distribution.

The topic of "Grab and Go" meals generated discussion with much support of this program. We set a goal of expanding and publicizing in the LINK.

CHAIR: A discussion of preparing an article for the Warrent. The proposal would set up and fund up to \$25,000 a study of options and feasibility for a Senior Center. D. Moores would help with the wording. It was moved, seconded and VOTED to proceed as discussed.

It was noted to give more publicity to the Senior Tax Credit. Include in LINK..

Carol spoke on Elder Mental Health outreach. Tricia spoke on the importance of having a relationship with our State Rep and keeping up with events.

New Business: Check out the new website - up and running by March first.

Meeting adjourned: 11:03

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Peirce, Secretary