

**Council on Aging  
Cafeteria Meeting, 18 Jacobs Road  
Minutes Thursday, June 9, 2022**

**Present:** Victoria Burrington, Margaret Freeman, Donna Hyytinen, Sue Lively, Cathy Tallen.

Meeting called to order at 2:06 p.m.

M/S/P Cathy, Donna, 1 abstention: to approve the 06-02-2022 minutes as amended.

**Volunteer polling progress:** Victoria and Margaret still waiting for responses. The Council needs to develop a list of non-internet seniors to streamline our communication network. Discussion covered whether we should facilitate visits to shut-ins. Victoria will check the senior list for shut-ins who would like visits. Margaret will draft a brief announcement for the Heath Herald to identify people who would like social visits.

**Volunteer Requirements:** The police chief John McDonough is in charge of CORI checks. Victoria has requested registration information and required forms. A question for John would be whether any person volunteering to help with seniors would need a CORI check. It was agreed that everyone on the Council should have a renewed CORI check.

**Activity Planning:** The Consumer Protection in-person seminar has been scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 27 from 1-3 p.m. in the Cafeteria. A screen will be needed; COA has one available among its supplies at the Community Hall. It was decided that Cathy will check online for names and send a preliminary announcement to COA chairs in Rowe, Charlemont, Colrain, and Hawley. Margaret has email addresses for all committee chairs and will send them the letter approved at the last meeting. Discussion then ensued over preparations for the Community Café on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> in the Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Victoria will check with Pat McGahan on putting it on the town calendar. Donna will contact 3-4 bakers to volunteer baked goods. Victoria and Margaret will bring over relevant supplies from the Community Hall. The calendar showed that the library had indicated hours at Jacob Road for that morning. Margaret agreed to check with Kate (who agreed to think about possible shared activity that morning, since the library would not be officially open).

M/S/P Margaret, Sue, unanimous: that the Council on Aging officially sponsor the Thursday social hours from 12-2 at Jacobs Road.

**Room 135:** It was agreed to make sure the Select Board has it on their agendas until a decision is made.

**Foot Clinic / Grants:** Nurse Simone is meeting next week with Victoria to plan details for opening in July. She has agreed to \$300 for 6 hours or \$350 for 7 hours. The Frank Wells Trust grant has been submitted. A letter of Intent for the Title III grant is due June 14 and the proposal due in July. A system for operating it will need to be created.

All Council members indicated their willingness to be reappointed by the Select Board.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, June 23rd at 2:00 p.m. M/S/P Margaret, Sue, unanimous: to adjourn at 3:28 p.m.