

Council on Aging
Room 135, 18 Jacobs Road
Minutes Thursday, May 4, 2023

Present: Victoria Burrington, Margaret Freeman, Lyra Johnson-Fuller, Donna Hyytinen, Sue Lively, Cathy Tallen.
Guest: Jack Tierney.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Review Agenda: none.

M/S/P Cathy, Donna, unanimous: to approve the 4-13-2023 minutes as written.

Finances:

COA accounts. Victoria will review our accounts with the accountant again, since the Foot Clinic account is still showing in the negative, and the Wells account is not listed in the town report.

Meal charge. M/S/P Margaret, Cathy, unanimous: to create a suggested donation of \$5. There will be limited seating, with reservations required. Invitations will be extended to the Union Church Pastor, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. The May hot lunch is scheduled for May 31 when a presentation will be made to Bob Viarengo for his many years of service to the town.

Donations. All donations (except for foot clinic and meals) go into the Revolving fund.

Senior Program Coordinator Report:

- Dates are needed for both June/July months for the *Heath Herald* article. Lyra will add contact information for the Needle Arts & Crafts group.
- Jonathan Diamond has offered to help find grants for joint activities with the Hill Town Youth Theater and the Council on Aging. Application will be made to the local Cultural Council by its October deadline. Jack Tierney described the current Mass Cultural Grant for 2023-2024 Festivals & Projects with a June 8 deadline.
M/S/P Margaret, Cathy, unanimous: that the Council on Aging will serve as the organization sponsor for the grant. With several years of grant-writing experience, Jack will draft up the proposal for the next meeting on May 18. Jack will provide 30 free tickets for seniors to attend his June 2/3 live show in Greenfield at 7:00 p.m.
- Foot clinic: It was agreed that 5 minutes will be added between appointments to ensure a smoother operation.
- A proposal to coordinate with the library and Pat McGahan for Computer Tech time will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- June/July flyer. It was agreed that Lyra should purchase color paper for email distribution in black&white.

Activities delegations: It was agreed that at any senior gathering, COA members will encourage suggestions for activities. Discussion over how to assign volunteers for hand delivery of flyers resulted in COA members being the core group for the June/July distribution. Work is being done on organizing lists of volunteers, street addresses, and contacting possible people to distribute future flyers each month.

Open Hours: A notice will be posted that the Senior Room will be closed for May 6 and 13.

Patio planning: The Select Board agreed that we can submit a plan for the patio. Will Emmet has agreed to identify a few people to work on the proposal.

Heath Day: Alice Wozniak will be raising the possibility of combining activities with the Fire Department at their meeting this evening.

TV streaming license: moved to the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday May 18 at 1:30 p.m.

M/S/P Cathy, Margaret, unanimous: to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.m.