Council on Aging Room 135, 18 Jacobs Road Municipal Building Minutes Thursday, July 31, 2025

Present: Anne Emmet, Margaret Freeman, Lyra Johnson-Fuller, Donna Hyytinen, Sue Lively, Cathy Tallen.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Review Agenda: none

M/S/P Cathy, Donna, 1 absent: to approve the 7-10-2025 minutes as written.

Lyra, SPC: United Way is sponsoring free Tech Support for seniors at the Arms Library, Shelburne Falls, every other Thursday from 1-3 p.m. starting August 28. She will notify Heath seniors. The question of transportation was raised.

Display at Heath Fair: Lyra presented her ideas together with a provisional mock-up. Members offered suggestions and ideas for design. Lyra and Sue will meet at the Exhibit Hall on Thursday August 14 at 4:00 p.m. to set up the display. COA members invited to help.

Action Plan: Sue reviewed the Action Plan report for Domains 3 and 4. For 3-Housing, COA will gather information to help people thrive at home. For 4-Social Participation, challenges as follows: action for goal 1: to go beyond survey suggestion to gather information on what people want; for goal 2-Intergenerational, actions 1/2: to communicate to all residents on intent to include all ages, action 3: to increase numbers of younger people participating. For Goal 3: to identify numbers and explore possibilities for isolated seniors. Margaret will work on improving wording. For Domain 1, Margaret will work on revising the draft submitted for discussion to focus and Goals + Actions. *All members are asked to review all information on the Action Plan Report for Domains 1-4.

Next meeting:

Set tentatively for either Thursday September 18 or 25, depending on holiday schedules.

M/S/P Anne, Cathy, unanimous: to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

*Note: Asterisks identify items for future agenda.