

Council on Aging
Room 135, 18 Jacobs Road Municipal Building
Minutes Thursday, October 16, 2025

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

Meeting called to order at 1:28 p.m.

Review Agenda: Action plan moved to end. Request for webpage; tarp.

M/S/P Anne, Cathy, unanimous: to approve the 9-25-2025 minutes as amended.

SPC: Lyra cannot open Room 135 for Men's Group meeting Friday Oct 17 at 10:30 am. Anne agreed to do so.

Veterans Day Celebration: Tuesday November 11 at 1:00 pm. Open to all other towns. Lyra will organize and try to create list of veterans. Sue, Anne, and Margaret agreed to help with refreshments.

Community Safety Fair: It was decided to set up a committee of five people to organize a board-wide community safety fair to be held in the Spring. Each organization will be responsible for their programming. Sue has already contacted Sheila Litchfield (Board of Health), Police, and Fire Departments, and will check with Hilma re Select Board permission for committee if needed. *The COA representative will be decided at the next meeting.

Fire Department grant: There was some confusion over two possible grants being prepared by Colrain (Anne) and Shelburne Falls (Lyra). They will contact the respective fire chiefs for clarification and mention it at the Senior Meal to get the word out if everything is OK.

Rowe invitation: to exchange information and possibly collaborate on activities. Date is Wednesday Nov. 12, no time given, but probably 3:00 pm (Lyra to check). Heath prepared to share activities we do (talks, arts, projects, etc.) and join Rowe walks. Donna and Margaret will attend if the meeting is in the afternoon.

Heath Holiday Craft Fair December 6: Ladies Aid will have their bake sale at the church. COA will provide chili (8 oz. containers), bread (no-knead, cornbread), egg salad rolls, two sheet cakes (Donna: chocolate and carrot). Anne will prepare cookies to go. Donations accepted. *On agenda for next meeting.

Requests by Pat McGahan: 1) to add material to COA town website. The Council agreed upon approval: *on agenda for next meeting. Lyra will contact her and *invite her to the November meeting. 2) to place tarp over garden area where daffodils have been removed. COA decided not to place tarp down until Spring.

Action Plan, Draft 2: Domain 1 complete; waiting for results. *Domains 5-8 on next meeting agenda.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m.

M/S/P Cathy, Anne, unanimous: to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

**Note: Asterisks identify items for future agenda.*