Council on Aging Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 13 2019 3:00 pm

Pelham Library

Call to order at 3:07 pm

Members and People Present Kathy Martell, Grace Dane, Ralph Faulkingham, Linda Faulkingham, Ann Hondrogen

Minutes of February 12 accepted as read.

Warrant was signed for $240.00, $50 Howard Frost and $190.00 for MA COA Dues. Board voted unanimously to put on a future warrant to buy a COA laptop from Tech 1, (the Town of Pelham IT group) as bid quote states; for our Outreach Worker, so no COA records are kept on her personal computer. In the mean time she has paper records (samples exhibited) for data collection which can be entered once computer is obtained. Also, there was a discussion of my “senior center computer program” for organizing and documenting COA work. This program will be discussed at a future meeting.

Outreach worker update/ possibility of introductory postcard or meet and greet, like we did for Eli Kwartler. Ralph volunteered to speak to Jodi in the library about setting this up for possible an April or May event. Wanda will start thinking of additional events or things we could do, as well as speak to Jodi about times when she can spend in the library to speak with seniors since we do not have an office. She will also look into and start getting necessary training like Shine, Fuel Assistance etc. This can be part of her necessary hours to be paid stipend. There is a possibility of members and Outreach worker going to MA COA events since we are members.

Update /Discussion of housing project for 22 Amherst Road: Motion made and seconded to endorse this project presented at our January meeting. Voted unanimously in favor and to send letters to Tilman Lukas for Housing Committee and Jeff Eiseman for Zoning Board of Appeals reflecting this vote.

Discussion of possibility of new senior survey: Discussion of gaining more input of seniors as well as maintaining a senior contact list. COA members need to think of some questions that should be included for discussion at next meeting.

Discussion of possible New Ideas/events

 Ann Hondrogen stated she would be interested in becoming a member and Board voted yes unanimously; and working on a newsletter for COA besides the Amherst/ Pelham Senior Spirit. Ann suggested we think about holding the flu clinic on election day. More discussion needed.

Next meetings April Meeting will be April 10 and May meeting will be May 8.

Motion to adjourn at 4:35 PM