

5/8/2018 - Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Peter Nordberg, Susan McCarthy, Irene Leddy, Sheila Jones, Fran Lamb, Phil Durno, Lori Durno, Joanna Reagan

The meeting was called to order by Peter Nordberg at 6:02 p.m. At the Town Hall, Main Street, Conference Room A.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Phil Durno to accept the minutes of the last Meeting (April, 2018). Motion seconded by Fran Lamb. All in favor.

III. SIGN VOUCHERS

Vouchers signed

IV. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer report – Sheila Jones made motion to accept the Volunteer report, seconded by Phil Durno, All in favor.

Outreach report – Lori Durno made a motion to accept the report seconded by Fran Lamb. All in favor

Activities report - Lori Durno made a motion to accept the activities report, Fran Lamb seconded the motion. All in favor.

IV.1. Directors Report

Window Coverings are in! And they look Marvelous! Thanks so much again to The Friends! Had over \$200 in donations added on to the Friends donation.

Governor Video Creation: As a regional group of COA Directors, we've decided to put together an "instructional video" of sorts that will be publicly viewable on YouTube but with Governor Charlie Baker and his office in mind. We'll acknowledge his continued and growing support for our state's seniors and we'll also remind him that support is well chosen given all the services and seniors we impact in this region.

Gwen Johnson—A shout out to Gwen Johnson our registered dietician who has spear headed our Choose To Lose effort that started May 3rd. This is the weight management program we received a grant for through the Community Foundation of North Central Mass. and Greater Lowell Community Foundation. Gwen has the whole year planned out already! There are over 25 people signed up and engaged. We are so excited!!

Mass Transportation Conference: Attended in early April at the DCU center this was a riveting conference that gave insight into the need, strategies and opportunities in transportation solutions for towns and COA's. Already looking for new ways to ensure our growing transportation needs are met in the years to come.

Community Choir Update: We've chosen to engage with the Community Choir but in a select performance fashion vs a merger so to speak. Excited to have that partnership in a couple of events

per year.

Candidates Night: How smooth was that last month! Moved quickly, good structure, no random speeches by non-candidates. Thanks to all involved. We know there were concerns with the sound on the TV feed and I think Dave and team have figured that out for the future.

Newsletter Update: We have a contract with Liturgical Press and will be ready for September: The good news is that it will be in color, already collated and stapled for us. A new look and structure so it is more easily readable. They will print 800 newsletters. Phil Durno pointed out that the Cribbage tournament is on the wrong day in the newsletter. It takes place the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. There is a \$5.00 entrance fee. You do have to know how to play.

Attended Training on 4/18: Michelle Ross and I attended a recent COA seminar day in Strubridge. Attending different tracks we learned of things in transportation and better communication in particular.

Evening Event with Tom Rull: Well received in April. Next up evening event is A Celebration of Songs on Thursday the 24th of May. Dinner entrée will be stuffed peppers. Just \$5 – sign up now!

June Open House: Saturday June 16th from 2:00 to 4:00. This is an event for the entire town. We'll have a performance by the choir, Art show, Zumba, Mini Facials great music and food. Spread the word! See what the center can do for you! Team work: Your amazing staff pulled together and created an informational form with everything we offer at the center. It is truly amazing the services we have. I have given you all a copy to look over. I think you will be very impressed with the variety of services and activities we provide to the town of Pepperell. This is another great reason to stop by the open house on June 16th. See you all very soon!!

The ongoing activities list was reviewed by all. Peter Nordberg made a suggestion to post the list somewhere at the Sr. Center for all to see. Susan commented that it will be handed out at the Open House. Peter also suggested that it be put on our web site and included with the minutes for all to see.

Sheila Jones made a motion to accept the Directors report, Fran Lamb seconded the motion.

IV.2. Friends Report

Friends Report – Bob Newton –Not much has happened since my last report. That doesn't mean we haven't been busy. The Board of Directors have been discussing ways to raise money and other activities that are going on at the center. We are presently talking about the annual Memorial Day program with Susan and Cheryl that will take place on May 23. We are also talking with the Senior Center Staff about a proposed Open House to try to reach those who think all we do is sit and drink coffee.

August 4, the Friends will once again have the floors cleaned. This is a \$3,000 bill. We have done this annually for quite some time and will continue to do as long as we get the funds to do so. Therefore, fund raising and membership dues do make a big difference. The friends funded one half of the shades which are now installed.

Sheila Jones made a motion to accept the Friends report, Joanna Reagan seconded the motion. All in favor.

V. Other Matters That May Arise That The Chair Didn't Reasonably Anticipate

VI. COMMENTS

Phil Durno – made a comment on the shades. It needs to be made known that no one except a staff member adjusts the shades.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Tuesday June 12, at 6:00

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Sheila Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting Fran Lamb seconds the motion. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31

Respectfully submitted by: Sheila Jones Council on Aging, Secretary