

Meeting of the Council on Aging

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 12:30 p.m. The Barn

Meeting called to order at 12:31 by Chairman Bruce Bernstein. Present were Bruce, Georgette Kinney, Linda Warner, Donna Bersch, Pamela Knowles, Cory Hines, Thea Basis, Peg Muskrat

Minutes of March 2, 2022 were approved.

Meeting Protocols - Board needs to remember to vote on decisions, etc.

April Lunch was very successful but too cold still to sit outside at the picnic tables. May lunch will also be Grab 'N Go and outside if weather is nice and people wish to stay and eat at the picnic tables.

June 8 Lunch/Celebration - COA voted to do plaques for Seniors only. Georgette and Peg will meet with BOS to discuss. Vote was unanimous. Native trees will be planted at the Town Hall and French Park in honor of deceased Board members. Two benches will also be purchased and placed at the Library and French Park. Peg will contact Rep Smitty Pignatelli and invite him, lunch will be provided by GB Bagel. Indian Line Farm and Liz Keen will also be invited.

The Board voted to have Linda Warner work with the BOS on criteria for honoring residents. The vote was unanimous.

Coffee Hours - the Board voted to hold the Coffee Hours twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Sara's Place. COA Board members may take turns hosting these gatherings.

Exercise Classes - Pamela continues to hold Wednesday classes and is considering holding them outdoors once the weather is warmer. Thea is also considering starting some classes.

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors will be considered for next year.

"Be Seen, Be Safe" vests - Bruce reported that the new shipment has been received!

Picnic at April Hill - It was decided to hold this event in the fall perhaps as a scarecrow making event.

Taxi Grant/Volunteer Driver Program - Taxi Grant has been extended until June 30, 2022. There is approximately \$1,000 in funds left. Volunteer driver program has been very successful. Alford and Mt. Washington are also participating in this program.

Senior Playgrounds - Georgette and Peg presented information and costs on this. We hope to be able to install one at French Park in the near future.

Robin Goldberg has expressed an interest in joining the COA. The Board voted unanimously to approve her and will forward this to the BOS.

Hour of Music - Pamela will work on setting this up.

Be Prepared Kits - Bruce is working on setting up a meeting on this.

Next meeting will follow the May 4th lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted, Peg Muskrat