

## Council on Aging Board of Director's Meeting

March 15, 2018

Present: Executive Director Leyden, Chair Julia Moulton Vice Chair Rose Morace, Phil Hallahan, Mary Beth Bergeron, Judy Yaffe, John Bowen, Eleanor Stolar, Marilyn Hurst, Theresa Yesu, George Shea Select Board Liaison Marie Angelides

Absent: Saul Finestone, Marge Morgan, Fran Miffitt

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Reports
  - a. Select Board: Marie Angelides reported the budget passed. One Warrant Article will be on the Town Meeting Warrant in May, and will be on the ballot in June for the town election.
  - b. Mary Beth Bergeron will discuss the new Senior Center at the Over Club in April.
  - c. The Senior Center will be the tenant of the building. During off hours, the gymnasium will be available to other town groups through the Park & Rec. Department.
  - d. Our efforts need to focus on getting the over 60 vote out to the Town Meeting, and to the election.
  - e. Phil spoke to setting up a revolving fund. We need clarity as to where funds are going.
  - f. Phil made the recommendation that we support the one article of \$14 million for the Senior Center and gymnasium. The COA Board all voted in favor of Phil's recommendation.
  - g. All citizens need to understand that the Center can be used by the community.
  - h. State Representative's Office: If our Warrant passes on the ballot, the search for grants will take place. Included in the State's budget is a \$90,000 request for a new van. Hopefully, it will be accepted. Rep Ashe and Sen Lesser are in agreement concerning this request. Jim thanked Robin for her support of the Senior Center and its needs.
  - i. Director's Report: Jim passed out his department report to the Board. Food Pantry response has been excellent. The Valentine's Day Concert had 90 in attendance. There is a general interest in evening programs. The volunteer Tax service is a popular program with 84 appointments in March. Erin has been active in outreach assessments and has done an exemplary job both in providing services and in her reporting. George asked what age group is participating in evening programs as many older people cannot drive at night. It is a problem according to Jim. Perhaps some programs could start at 4:00. The COA agreed with George's suggestion. The cooking demonstrations were well received by some loyal supporters around the age of 50-60 years old. Many programs take place after lunch to meet the needs of this group. Judy suggested programs be planned for younger members of the community as well for the older members. Meetings are being held with various volunteer groups

- j. Treasure's Report: A report was passed out to each member of the Board. Not much change except in salaries.
- k. FOLOCA: The meeting was cancelled due to the weather. The meeting has rescheduled for March 20th at 2:00.
- l. GSSSI: Fran was absent.
- m. Building Committee: A meeting is scheduled for the first week of April. A need to review the warrant article is necessary. Mary Beth has met with Town and it has proved insightful.
- n. Program Committee: They are doing an excellent job of coordinating request and meeting the needs of the seniors. The committee consists of Fan, Mary Bet, Marilyn, Theresa and Jim. Julie would like to set up a sewing group to make a quilt to be raffled for fund raising.

By Laws: Phil was crucial concerning the completion of the by-laws. We all agree he did an excellent job in getting them in final form and getting us copies. Phil made a motion to accept the by-laws it was seconded by George and passed by the Board. The by-laws will be submitted to the Select Board, Town Manager and Town's Attorney for approval.

Old Business: Title iii grant was submitted to GSSSI by Erin. Jim will make a presentation to GSSSI concerning the importance of distribution of this grant. Jim requested level funding. All requests by Jim were accepted by the Town.

New Business: George made a motion that Phil be compensated for spending his own money on getting the by-laws in shape. Eleanor seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Rose Morace

Vice Chair and substitute Secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> @9:30