

Minutes from the Groton Council on Aging Board Meeting April 4, 2016

Members Present: Maydelle Gamester, Marie Melican, George Faircloth, , Ed Wenzell, Ellen Baxendale, Richard Marton

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard Jones, Kathy Santiago

Selectman Liason: Peter Cunningham

Open Meeting: Meeting called to order by Maydelle Gamester at 9:33 am

Minutes: March 2016 presented by Director, Kathy Shelp. There were no corrections and a motion to accept was called by George Faircloth , 2nd by Marie Melican. All unanimous approval accepted.

Treasurer's Report: George Faircloth presented the COA March, 2016 Expense Summary's was reviewed by the board and Director Shelp. Motion to Accept was called by Ellen Baxendale, 2nd by Maydelle Gamester. All unanimous approval accepted.

Stacey Shepard-Jones- Outreach Coordinator

We had one couple request/apply for additional fuel assistance. Their oil vender was given \$297.50 to be credited to their account. The additional fuel assistance account's balance is now \$25,854.18.

Tom Hartnett (Groton Trust Funds) and I, have finished working with a Groton senior couple that was in financial hardship due to a severe medical conditions. The couple is doing well and they are back on track now.

I have arranged for Marion Mattison, a COA volunteer, to do a class on hand crafted greeting cards at Groton Commons, for residents that are not able to come to the Senior Center.

I have continued to work on inputting the residents into our system that returned their Emergency Preparedness Forms.

Kathy Santiago-Activities/Volunteer Coordinator

Pizza & Flick –44 signed up with 5 on a wait list

Women's club, Nashoba Tech Luncheon's –great attendance and good feedback on entertainment and speaker

Veterans Breakfast- great attendance

Coloring-17 first day...who knew! ☺ Consistent good attendance with drop INS

Creative Creations (bird house) went great (noisy for writing class) due to the use of the compressor, and banging! Glass garden flower 12 signed up w/ waitlist

Police Academy- going very well-great comments and feedback

Information Sessions 1 left at the Library

Line Dancing- going well

Take a walk-Maydelle doing Tuesdays so I can be in the bldg. also to assist with crafts

Garden Club starting back up on April 12

Taxes-all done

Jay Darrin Trip - A Little Bit of Ireland –great feedback (scheduled by a senior)

MOW- losing our Monday and Friday drivers

Kathy Shelp: Director

We have three board members who's terms expire 6/30/16; Maydelle Gamester, Marie Melican and Charlotte Carkin. Please bring names for nomination to the next meeting. We have applications available.

The Feasibility Oversight Committee has interviewed architects for the feasibility study and has one finalist (down from nine). The next two weeks the committee will continue vetting this company. Peter Cunningham explained the process.

Two senior items on the warrant for town meeting: Article #7 COA Feasibility Study and Article #17 Aid to Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund which will establish a town fund (through donations) to aid seniors and disabled with tax payments.

The NY trip is full with a waiting list, Kathy and Kathy will be escorting the trip. The senior center received 5% of trip sales which amounts to \$749. It is recommended that some of this money be used to offset the expenses of the escorts which is traditionally what this money is used for along with other expenses i.e. snacks for the bus and other unexpected costs or if the trip were to run short of the required number this can be used to offset. Kathy asked the board to consider using it to cover part of the trip for escorts, we will revisit the issue the next meeting.

Motion to accept Directors/Outreach/Activities report by Maydelle Gamester , 2nd by Ellen Baxendale, unanimous approval accepted.

Next Board of Directors meeting Monday, May 2, 2016 at 9:30

Motion to close the meeting 11:00 was made by Maydelle Gamester, 2nd by Ellen Baxendale. All unanimous approval accepted.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kathy Shelp, Director in the absence of Gail Chalmers, Secretary
Groton Council of Aging