COA Board Minutes January 13, 2025

Location: The Groton Center

Time: 1:00 P. M.

Board Members in Attendance: Tony Serge, Vice-Chair; Michelle Collette; Berta Erickson; Lois Young; Dottie Zale; Judy Palumbo; Harris McWade; Carole Carter; Nicole Sarvela, COA Director

Special Guests: Tom Pistorino and Lynn Pistorino, FOGE; Takashi Tada, Master Plan

Open Meeting: The meeting was officially started at 1:01 P. M. by Tony Serge

Review of November 18, 2024, minutes: Correction to spelling of Harris McWade’s name; noted that Dottie Zale was not in attendance at the November 18, 2024, meeting. The November minutes were reviewed and approved.

Friends of Groton Elders: Discussed progress of their fundraising efforts, including the development of a tri-folder; bi-monthly luncheons; hope to increase their membership from 5 members to 7 members.

Master Plan Discussion: The Master Plan will be presented at the Spring Town Meeting. The Planning Board is focusing on the implementation program which will be finalized in the next few weeks.

Director’s Report: Nicole discussed her work on the senior tax program, which saw a reduction in participants from 30 to 24; discussion of their programs, particularly the Wednesday lunches; ongoing training for van drivers; dementia-friendly action team’s monthly meetings; building rental process which had a significant increase in community and private group rentals.

COA Luncheon: members will help serve and clean up.

Next meeting scheduled for February 10, 2025, at 2 P. M. Note time change.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 P. M.