

## COA MEETING MINUTES MAY 18, 2018

**Present:** Bill Ames, Ted Thornton, Carol Pike, Tony Stavely, Randy Foster, Gwen Trelle, Sue McGowan, Gina & Frank Froment, Linda Hescok, Heather Tower

**Absent:** Bill McGee

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 by Chairperson Gwen Trelle.

The April minutes were amended to include the fact Frank had seconded the motion to adjourn. Randy made the motion to accept the April minutes as amended, Frank seconded it, motion passed.

### **Director's Report:**

**Financial:** Our finances are in good shape. The final expense for this budget cycle is the June 13, Volunteer thank you luncheon which is budgeted in the Formula Grant.

**Activities:** Our numbers remain consistent with last year's numbers with the exception of van ridership, where the numbers have been declining steadily over the last year. There continues to be a stigma associated with using the van so Heather encouraged us to promote this service as much as possible. We will march in the Northfield Memorial day parade complete with our very own kazoo marching band. The concerts are lined up for the summer and the bookmarks are around town. We are fortunate that we have funding from several sources which will limit what the COA will need to contribute.

**Friends:** Gina reported our Friends organization has been discussing and planning a number of viable fund-raising activities to support the summer concerts and other future social and educational activities.

### **Committees:**

**Nominating:** The Select Board approved Bill Ames's membership in the COA, and he will join the nominating Committee.

**Legislative:** Ted expressed concern for our district's lack of representation with the resignation of Stanley Rosenberg. He reported that the remaining representatives in Western Mass have pledged to cover Stan's territory until a replacement is voted in and takes their place in Jan. There are 2

upcoming state budget items that will have serious impact on senior services. Tony made a motion which was seconded by Carol and passes to have Ted send out letters to Adam Hinds who represents a portion of Franklin County expressing our support of the bills and asking for his support to pass these bills.

Membership: will be meeting afterwards to discuss the final needs for the Volunteer Luncheon.

Village to village: Tony advised the next step in this movement is to ensure that the Village will neither conflict with nor overlap already existing services through such agencies such as Life Path and local COAs

Randy motioned, seconded by Gina to adjourn the meeting at 10:19. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hescok 6/15/18

Linda Hescok, secretary