

COA MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2018

Present: Bill McGee, Ted Thornton, Gina & Frank Froment, Carol Pike, Randy Foster, Sue McGowan, Tony Stavelly, Gwen Trelle, Linda Hescocock, Heather Tower

Absent: Bill Ames

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Gwen Trelle at 9:07 A.m.

Gina motioned and it was seconded by Carol to accept the May 18 COA Minutes as presented; motion passed.

Director's Report:

Financial: Our funds are on track to stay within our budget. Tony will be working with Heather to put all our spending on one budget page as we add a new fund for our Friday Breakfasts and Thursday cafes.

Activities: All of our exercise programs see strong attendance; the yoga program so much so that Heather and Libby are discussing an additional class for fall of 2018 for \$5 per class.

Van ridership continues to be in flux. While meal site trips are consistent, doctor appointment trips and shopping continue to be down. With the new fiscal year coming up, hopefully this will change as there will be a new budget.

Randy is organizing a trip to see the Swamp Bats baseball team game(s) in Keene N.H, date to be determined. Bill M will organize a trip to the new MGM Casino in Springfield for some time after Labor Day 2018. He is planning a trip to Saratoga and has offered to carpool with others.

Legislative Committee: Ted alerted us to the fact that the DOJ (Department of Justice) has refused to defend the Affordable Care act which will cause a hardship for many seniors with pre-existing medical conditions.

Statewide, the formula Grant is scheduled increased to \$11.00 per senior for the next year, though it has yet to be verified. A dedicated office for seniors with SNAP benefits has been in the Holyoke Transitional Assistance office. The number is: 1-833-712-8027 and will be answered by a person, not a menu. In addition, the senior SNAP application has been greatly simplified.

Village to Village: There will be a meeting late in August to begin working out details in terms of home maintenance.

Our Friends Organization: There are plans for a Connecticut River boat trip as a fund raiser this summer.

Tony motioned, and Linda seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:49.
Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hescock 7/20/18

Linda Hescock, secretary