COA BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gwen Trelle at 9:05

<u>Present</u>: Gina Froment, Frank Froment, Carol Pike, Randy Foster, Bill McGee, Tony Stavely, Gwen Trelle, Laura Robinson, Linda Hescock, Heather Tower

Absent: Ted Thornton, Bill Ames, Sue McGowan

Minutes: Gina motioned and Frank 2nded to accept the July minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Election of chairperson: Linda nominated Gina for chairperson, Tony 2nd, she was elected. She assumed the gavel for the meeting.

Director's Report:

Financial: With the beginning of the new fiscal year, even though we have not been award the monies from the State (the Formula Grant) we are allowed to begin using them. We are expecting the amount per senior to increase to \$20 as the Gov. has already indicated that is his wish. We are awaiting confirmation from the Dept. of Elder Affairs. Town funds also begin anew with the fiscal year. The Gift Fund continues to take care of expenses not covered by these two budgets.

Activities: Our newly formed kazoo band performed and delighted all present for Creamie night on Aug. 12. Our contra dance evening with Calamity Physics brought out an intergenerational group, despite the weather. Meal attendance and van ridership numbers are down slightly from last year. We need to promote these more widely.

Neighbors update: There will be a meeting of the Volunteer committee, and open to the public, on Aug.30 to firm up the maintenance portion of this mission to be called "*Helping hands"*; then a general meeting in Sept. or Oct to share the Neighbors program and it will be open to all to register for membership. A grant proposal has been submitted to Falon for money to help move the program forward. This is a major grant that a small group put together.

Bill and Heather handed out information on becoming a more age & dementia friendly town which will be further discussed at Sept. meeting. As there are components for residents as well as emergency personnel and businesses, this will be a large undertaking.

<u>Membership</u>: The membership committee will orient Laura as soon as possible.

Linda Motioned, and Frank 2nded that we adjourn; motion passed at 10:11.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hescock, secretary