

COA Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2019

Present: Bill McGee, Randy Foster, Ted Thornton, Gina Froment, Frank Froment, Carol Pike, Sue McGowan, Judie Tate, Linda Hescok, Jim Whitcomb, Heather Tower

Absent: Tony Stavelly, Laura Robinson

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gina Froment at 9:06 am.

December Minutes: Linda moved and Frank seconded accepting the minutes as amended.

Director's Report:

"This is Your Town" begins again this month with a presentation from the Town Governance Committee. The focus for the year will be on town committees as it's been 2 years since we last heard from them. On the 31st we will view the first Senior Learning Network program for the board and make sure all the parts are working. There will be a COA board training this spring with area towns. Heather will contact Emmet Schmarsow the Program Manager for Councils on Aging for the date as he will be conducting it.

Financial: We continue to stay on budget. Next week, Heather and Gina will present our 2019 budget to the finance committee. There will be only a slight increase in requests.

Activities: Due to the holidays, we have fewer programs. The centerpiece workshop brought about 15 people and we had lots of fun with Steve Damon as we "Named that Carol". We continue to need to remind folks about the ability to shop with the van service and get to doctor's appointments.

Dementia Friendly: Heather said she would convene the initial meeting with town business to help us get started. Once we have this in place, we can bring to the Selectboard a commitment in which we will ask them to join us.

Neighbors at Home: Bill shared a copy of the annual report. More will be coming later.

Legislative: Ted informed us of the letter David Stevens has sent to all COAs about budget requests for the next year. Stay tuned for any further action needed.

Membership: We welcomed Jim to the board and set his orientation for Feb. 13 at 10:00.

Nominating: None: They will be soliciting names for the next time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hescock 2/15/18

Linda Hescock, Secretary