

## COA Minutes

3/16/2021

Meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM

Attendance: Becky, Frank (joined late), Carol, Judie, Tony, Jim, Betty, Howard, Linda (had to leave at 2:30), Jinx, Saralynn

The meeting began with a presentation on Age Friendly Massachusetts, presented by Nour Strauch from Life Path. He discussed the percentage of elderly in Franklin County and mentioned that to date Deerfield is the only Franklin County town to have joined the network. Life Path is hoping that enough towns will agree to participate so that they can proceed with the application. No financial commitment is needed from towns.

After the presentation, the minutes from February's meeting were submitted for approval. Saralynn moved to approve as amended and Frank seconded. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was submitted. Tony pointed out that he is using a different format from previous years. The numbers do not yet line up, but Tony is working on this with the town. Frank moved to accept the report and Betty seconded. The report was approved.

### GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The need to revise the by-laws was discussed. A committee consisting of Frank, Carol, and Betty was formed to review the by-laws and propose changes. They will provide an update in either April or May.

The need for a search committee to look into a replacement for Becky was discussed. It was proposed that the officers would comprise this committee. Judie made the motion to accept this proposal and Jim seconded it. The proposal was approved. Linda suggested that we go on record to commend Becky for the good job she has done under very challenging circumstances. All agreed to this.

Jinx commented on the need for more participants in the writing section in the newsletter.

We may revive the coffee hour in April or May

A notice asking for volunteers received 3 responses. Judie volunteered to help with the van. Jinx and Howard volunteered to help with renovation and space,

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Becky will help with the transition to new leadership.

Acquiring appointments for COVID vaccinations still is challenging, but once made the process goes smoothly. FRCOG is helping

Brown bag distribution continues to go well, with participants playing it by ear as to whether to meet indoors or out.

Senior Learning Network is on a hiatus through the summer. More information will follow.

HBB and Yoga continue to offer classes online and may consider continuing in this manner or a hybrid format after reopening.

The monthly lunches are very popular. The Food Pantry has been helping with this, as has Pam Eldridge. Seventy-one meals were served last month.

We may decide to meet in-person in the pavilion in April or May.

#### TECH UPDATE

Carol reported that she continues to help her neighbor with use of the iPad lent out by the Senior Center. One other iPad will be lent out to someone who will be traveling to see family. We agreed to extend the loan period beyond 6 weeks.

Linda will share Comcast links for seniors.

#### NEIGHBORS AT HOME

Neighbors at Home is currently working on board nominations.

Frank moved that we adjourn; Judie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jim and Betty Whitcomb