

## COA Minutes

6/16/2021

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM

Attendance: Frank, Tony, Jim, Betty, Howard, Jinx

The minutes from May's meeting were submitted for approval. Tony moved that they be approved. Jim seconded. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was submitted. Prior to voting on it we discussed the need for electrical work in the Senior Center and questioned who was responsible to pay for it. Tony noted that the Senior Center received three donations in Jack Ware's memory. Also discussed was what to do about the kitchen. Tony reported that Andrea had informed him that there was a \$1400 line item to help pay for necessary improvements. Tony moved to have the treasurer's report approved, Jinx seconded. The report was approved.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Frank reported that our new director, Colleen Letourneau, would start on Tuesday, July 6. The coffee hour scheduled for July 13 would be a good opportunity for people to meet and talk with Colleen. The June coffee hour was attended by 15 people, many of whom were first time attendees. The coffee hour is paid for with funds from petty cash.

### GENERAL DISCUSSION

As stated above, the next coffee hour will be held on July 13 in the pavilion from 9:00 to 11:00. Jinx will order all necessary refreshments.

Frank and Jim reported that the price for the proposed shed has increased dramatically. The board then discussed what exactly would be stored in the shed. Jinx and Howard questioned the need for the shed and will look into alternatives.

We discussed the grounds and all agreed that they look great and that the flowers around the pavilion and in the planters are doing well. We talked about use of the rain barrels for watering the flowers and found the hoses used for this.

Next we discussed options for the stove. We need to contact a place in Worcester, not Springfield, for possible repairs. It was suggested that we ask Mike Hubbard if he has any ideas about repairs. We questioned who exactly is responsible for the cost of the

repairs or replacement. It was mentioned that we should invite Andrea to a meeting to clarify what belongs to the town and what belongs to the senior center.

We tossed around a few ideas for a new name for the senior center.

Howard and Jinx submitted their design for a coffee bar. The board accepted this design, and then embarked on a spirited discussion on how to make the best coffee, how to avoid use of K-cups, and how to make life easier for Linda if we don't use K-cups.

Nothing new was noted in legislative news.

Tony mentioned that Neighbors at Home would be holding their annual meeting that Saturday, June 19, at Four Star Brewery. Neighbors is continuing to suspend dues payments until 2022 and plans on resumption of services starting July 15. Tony also pointed out that the Neighbors at Home Board would be electing four new officers at the annual meeting.

We updated phone numbers for board members.

We discussed sending the newsletter via email.

Next meeting date was set at Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

Betty moved that we adjourn and Jinx seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim and Betty Whitcomb