

## **COA MEETING**

### **July 21, 2017**

**Present:** Gina Froment, Tony Stavely, Gail Bedard, Bill McGee, Randy Foster, Carol Pike, Gwen Trelle, Linda Hescok, Rhoda Yucavich, Heather Tower

**Absent:** Ted Thornton, Sue McGowan

*Chairwoman Gwen Trelle called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.*

June minutes: Gina motioned, Gail seconded that the June minutes be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

#### **Director's Report:**

Financial: Our gift account is in good shape. There is a slight surplus in our regular account which will be returned to the Town. The Formula Grant has been completely spent as of June 30 enabling us to receive our full allotment for FY 2018. Heather needs a new computer which we will deal with in the next fiscal year.

Activities: Our programs all show a slow increase in numbers in some areas and decrease in others. The foot clinic continues to be extremely well attended. Van ridership is stable. All programs are within their respective budget. The August Saratoga trip was cancelled due to lack of sign ups. The Lobster Bake attracted 30 participants and all had a great time.

**Membership:** Frank Froment was offered membership and he accepted via his wife.

#### **Election of officers:**

These names were put forward and voted in:

Chairperson: Gwen Trelle

Vice Chairperson: Carol Pike

Secretary: Linda Hescok

Treasurer: Tony Stavely

All positions were affirmed by unanimous vote to take effect immediately.

**Roundtable Discussion:** Bill shared a brochure from the Cheshire Village at Home program from the Keene, NH Senior Center which inspired an enthusiastic discussion on how we might implement a similar Aging-in-Place program. Bill suggested forming an ad hoc committee to spend the next year studying what the options other places have in place. Suggestions included inviting people involved in this type of program come to speak to us, asking

others in town for their experiences and presenting a panel to share what is learned over the year and next steps for Northfield.

Heather also shared the desire to look into implementing Dementia Friendly and Age Friendly concepts into our town. This is compatible combination. Given that we have a large senior citizen population, creating these programs is a good start to making Northfield a great place to stay.

On August 2, the Governor's Council will be holding a listening session in Pittsfield about making the Commonwealth a desirable place for all ages to live. Questions were given to the board ahead of the meeting for discussion which encompassed much of what was discussed. Tony and Carol will be joining Heather.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hescock 8/18/17

Linda Hescock, secretary