

COA MEETING AUGUST 18, 2017

Present: Gwen Trelle, Frank & Gina Froment, Carol Pike, Tony Stavely, Bill McGee, Randy Foster, Linda Hescok, Heather Tower

Absent: Ted Thornton, Sue McGowan, Gail Bedard, Rhoda Yucavich

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by chairperson Gwen Trelle. Randy made a motion the July 21 minutes be accepted as presented. Carol seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Director's Report

Financial: This is the beginning of the Town's fiscal year so little has been spent to date. The Gift account is healthy with donations. The Senior Picnic food will be paid for out of this fund, and funds replaced with the tickets purchased. Our June and July concerts were paid for, with funds replaced in part due to the Cultural Council award and the generous donation from Acappellooza.

Heather will be attending the annual MCOA conference in October and invited anyone who was interested to attend, listing the necessary websites. Bill and Joanne McGee are planning on attending.

The Senior Picnic was well attended this year with 48 seniors, 2 Guest Chefs and an aide, Town Administrator and town hall employee. The ROMEOs and Shirley Thompson provided the music, and once again, Sheriff Donelan joined the singing.

Carol gave a report of the highlights of the Governor's Council listening tour she and Tony attended with Heather. There were many Councils represented and the issues of transportation and isolation were echoed across the region.

Village to Village: Tony and Bill extensively researched and spoke to people representing four surrounding MA communities who have the Village to Village model in place. Tony presented us with a succinct and informational page of his understanding of the program and downloaded the 50-page informational instructions on how to establish such a program including flow-charts and a detailed step by step guide. It is available in a notebook located in Heather's office. As this is a valuable program that could work well in Northfield, all are encouraged to look through it. Both men cautioned us it would be a two to three year process. The consensus was once established it will be well worth the effort and bring other people

on board to create this Village. Bill has spoken to some residents over 60 in town who are very interested in the idea and will be approached to be part of the group putting this together. This endeavor will be separate from the COA and will include agencies already established in the area for seniors.

Committee Reports:

Membership will set a time to get together with Frank to orient him to the committee.

Nominating will be working to replace the two members who are going off the board in Dec.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hescock 10/20/17

Linda Hescock, secretary