

COA board minutes March 2017

present: Monique Downey; John Shay; Ray Crowley; Ed Norman; Art Beauregard; Nancy Willoughby; Becky Moriarty; Deb Mahoney   excused: Dee Vermette, Marty Jacque

Secretary's report accepted

Treasurer's report: We have three months left of the fiscal year. The copier contract cannot be transferred to another line item. No one showed up at the PVTA meeting. East Longmeadow is taking over P VTA. They are reducing the fair to one dollar a ride.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Director's report: we had to get a new part for the heating unit in the great room. The steam tables are not getting hot enough and will be repaired today. We also had to have the grease traps pumped. The Hampden Fire Department will be at the senior center on March 28 at 11:45 for an informational presentation on the department and the new budget they are requesting at town meeting. The friends of Hampden seniors will be hosting their annual meeting on Wednesday, April 5 at 9 AM. Monthly breakfast is Thursday, March 23 at 9:00 AM. We will be serving French toast bake. Federated community church is renting the building this weekend for their murder mystery dinner. Tickets are available by calling the church. The friends purchased new tables for the craft room. The annual town meeting is Monday, May 8 at Thornton Burgess middle school. Becky will be out of the office April 5-7 and April 18-21 Wendy will also be away April 18-21. Our annual volunteer recognition dinner will be on Thursday, April 27. Conflict of interest statements were distributed to the board members. There is a tear off slip on the bottom that needs to be signed and returned. The nominating committee process was discussed. In April the committee will discuss the candidates. At the June meeting the committee will present recommendations for officers. In reviewing the bylaws Becky found a contradiction. In one section it says that the term for officers is one year – another section says it is two years. When your term is up you can always sign on again. Director's report accepted

Outreach: A very busy fuel assistance is winding down. We have a game plan for fundraising and are thinking about a tear out donation slip.

Activities: Nan has already planned all summer events. We are having lunch and learn in April.

GSSSI: Jill Keough has a terrific background and is a dynamic leader. Alex and Alice from the elder affairs office in Boston, specializing in protective service, will be training 28 agencies.

Becky was wondering if the board meeting could be scheduled for 9:15 rather than 9:00. The members agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Mahoney