

COA board minutes – April 2017

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

The secretary's report is MIA

Treasurer's report: the state grant has come in at last. Things are looking good. Treasurer's report accepted

Director's report: The advisory hearing was held last night at Town Hall. They will honor the additional hours for the receptionist position. The town has yet to vote but the word from the town Council is that the board of selectmen has the right to go into agreement with P VTA at the end of April. July 1 is when the changes will occur. There won't be any significant changes. There will be a dedicated van for Hampden. East Longmeadow is retaining scheduling. P VTA is responsible for maintenance of the vehicles. Ray brought up the issue of med appointments and his concerns about the difficulty of scheduling them with the present system. Our monthly breakfast is Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 9 o'clock. We will be having waffles and bacon and syrup from a local Wilbraham farm. The Scantic River artisans are hosting an art show on April 29 and 30th. The annual town meeting will be held on May 8 at 7 PM at Thornton W Burgess middle school. Older Americans lunch day will be held on Friday, May 19. E. Village PI provide a special lunch for 60 people signed up early as seats will go fast and we cannot go over 60 persons. Becky has completed the requirements to become a recertified director through MCOA. She is also working on her recertification as a shine counselor. We are looking for new board members. We are particularly looking for "under 60" members. Our annual volunteer recognition dinner will be held on Thursday, April 27. We are planning the next mile walk challenge. It will be sponsored by Homewatch Caregivers, Bethlehem church, and MCOA. This is a fundraiser for the memory café program. Funding for them COA will end on June 30 and we are actively starting to fund raise in order to maintain the program. Wendy and Becky will be out of the office April 18-21. Director's report accepted.

By laws review: There is a discrepancy in the bylaws. In section B it calls for the officers of the board to serve two years. In section F the same document calls for board officers to serve a term of one year. The Board voted to keep a two year term for officers. Art Beauregard will no longer be the Treas. Ray Crowley is ending his board term. Deb Mahoney is stepping down from the secretary position but chooses to remain on the board. A new copy will be given to the board members. The final slate of officers will be voted on at the June meeting.

There have been concerns raised about the building policy for liquor licenses. Some of the members were bothered that outside groups were serving alcohol at the senior center during their events. There was also discomfort over liquor being served in private parties. Becky explained the policy outside groups may not serve alcohol as part of their event. Liquor is also not allowed at private parties held on the premises. No alcohol is allowed in carpeted areas. There is no deposit for cleanup. The kitchen is often left messy.

GSSSI: John reports that he went to a meeting on March 22 and is very impressed with the new director's knowledge. They are looking at mass health reforms, wages and salary increases and reviewing the budget. There are many new government regulations.