

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

June 6, 2018

Meeting opened at 1:40

Members present: David Ketchum, Chris Asselin, Penny Sutter, Julie Knapp and Amy Howell

Staff present: Chris Hottle

Motion made by Penny to approve minutes as amended, Chris seconded. Approved unanimously.

Directors Report:

COA is now fully staffed with Shannon starting as administrative assistant.

The Health Fair had many new additions and services offered to the participants. Attendance has been dropping over last 10 years, once bringing in 100 attendees, now only around 30.

MCOA has provided grant money for assisted hearing devices for people to enhance COA offerings- movies, music, etc. These can be purchased at a discount.

Old Business:

Sec. Bonner's visit was successful, took copious notes. Molly Perdue gave a presentation on the Cape Cod Alzheimer's Family Support Group growth. Seniors expressed interest in home care. Michelle Jarusiewicz and Kristin Hatch discussed housing senior housing issues. Many classes were going on while Sec Bonner toured the facilities, including the Healthy Meal in Motion program and Wed. senior lunch.

COA logos presented previously were copyrighted, will discuss marketing strategies in September.

Rec Dept. is willing to give us a large shade structure they aren't using. COA will have to pay to install. The planned usage of Motta Field is still under development. Using the backyard area of COA involves a large expense of re-landscaping. Both areas have accessibility issues and how often will seating areas be enjoyed by seniors.

New Business:

Will go ahead and plan one last attempt for Far Land at the Beach senior outing first Wed in Aug. despite crowds and accessibility.

Age Friendly community development is a 2-year process.

Discussion about intergenerational events with rec center kids. Annual event in August with magician in appreciation for the rec center being great to work with.

Next meeting is July 11th. Penny made motion to close, Chris seconded. Vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Howell, clerk