

May 8, 2019 Plainfield COA Board Meeting Minutes

12:50 PM In attendance: **Sue** LaRock, **Shirley** Todd, **Ann** Kohn, **Lina** Bernstein, **Susan** Pearson, **Linda** Carver, **Ann** Irvine

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- 2019 Formula Grant money to be used by June 30, 2019 is around \$1,700. Sue's salary will come out of that, and **Sue** will also purchase a new, larger coffee pot.

- Our future "Round Robin" main course preparers are:

June 12 **Shirley**

July 10 **Lina**

August 14 **Sue**

September 11 **Ann K**

October 9 **Ann I**

November 13 **Sue** will ask Phil Allesio if he'd be willing to handle the Thanksgiving turkey

December 11 Christmas roast cook to be decided

- AARP—The "Age Friendly" kickoff program is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2019, from 4-6 PM at the Chesterfield COA building. (See www.aarp.org/livable-communities for more information about this program.) It is important that representatives of town boards and committees attend, especially since there are grants available to other groups than the COA.

Linda will advise the Board of Health

Lina will tell David K of Finance—he can call Sue if he needs more info

Shirley will call the Highway Dept.

Sue will talk with Howard of the Select Board

Judy Williams of the Conservation Committee

Andy of the Fire Dept.

Justin, Police Chief

Sue will also put something about this in the Plainfield Post.

- **Linda** will talk with the Board of Health (of which she is a member) about putting something in the Plainfield Post about the need to get one's septic pumped out every few years and the need to make sure that the Board of Health has OK'd the pumping. She also thought there might be a way to offer a deal to get this done, and will follow through on that.

- The Northern Hilltown Consortium (NHC) is putting together a website. Each Consortium member will be represented. Sue read a blurb she had prepared for the Plainfield site, which **Susan** will edit, adding Plainfield's population and that we are looking toward the future with our broadband installation

- The RSVP Program is a service that finds volunteers for many needs. RSVP can be reached at 413-387-4558 or at RSVPPV.org. **Shirley** will make copies of their materials to distribute.

- The Williamsburg COA is holding a Senior Prom on Saturday, May 18, 5-9 PM at the Williamsburg School. **Sue** is hoping to talk David into going. Ann I asked to go with them if she is able. Sue was enthusiastic about holding a Sr. Prom in Plainfield in 2020, but there was some concern about where to hold it since the 2nd floor of Town Hall is not available for large crowds.

- The annual Senior Picnic will be held on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 12 noon at the Chesterfield COA. **Sue** will put an ad in the COA newsletter and send an article to **Linda** to put in the Plainfield Post. **Linda** agreed to be Sue's contact person for putting COA news into the Post.

PROGRAM REPORT

- **Susan** will email everyone her list of Plainfield VETS with a cc to Elaine Sidney to make sure it is her most recent list. **Lina** suggested that we invite the vets to join us for our lunches and she will follow through on this. Everyone agreed that we should start planning a 2019 Vet's Lunch as it was so popular in 2018. Veteran's Day in 2019 is Monday, November 11. Ann I suggested that **Lina** call Allen I as he might be interested in helping.
- The BOAT TRIP will be scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, starting at 1 PM and replacing the 8/28 lunch. The cost will be \$14 per person, which the COA will cover. **Lina** will check with the restaurant re. the cost of lunch both eat-in and bag lunches and also with Alice's Kitchen re. their cost of bag lunches. **Shirley** will arrange for the van now. **Sue** will put an ad in the COA newsletter: "The COA is offering a 75-minute boat trip on the Connecticut River..."
- The Shelburne Falls COA offers computer classes. Cost of 4 classes is \$10. **Sue** will advertise in the COA newsletter—anyone interested should contact Lina. These classes are for BEGINNERS.
- The report on KNITTING classes was tabled as Linda had to leave.

UPDATES/REPORTS

- The COA will not be conducting interviews of Plainfielders. **Susan** will ask Dario if we can excerpt the Historical Society's interviews to run in the COA newsletter.
- The report on senior needs in the community was tabled and Shirley as Sue are still working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Plainfield Broadband chairs Kimberly and Brian will speak to the COA after our June 5th luncheon.
- Robin will now be running the blood pressure checks. She cannot make it on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, so future blood pressure clinics will be held on the 4th Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pearson