

## COA Minutes - March 13, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:41 AM

Present: Polly Ryan, Coordinator; Shirley Todd; Sue Honneus; Mary Potter

Approved February 14th minutes

### Coordinator update:

The second invoice for the HCDC Driver Pool program has been submitted. The first invoice has been submitted previously and paid out from the MCOA grant that is funding the program.

We continue to work cooperatively with Earthdance on the "Farm to Table" grant. The application for the AARP Community Challenge Grant was submitted March 6th and we will hear their decision by **mid-May**. The money would need to be spent by December. This is enough time to advertise the program in June, run the program for 17 weeks - from July to mid-November - and write the report in December.

Let's continue to let others know that the COA and the Board of Health have Covid test kits available.

Polly has submitted the COA report to the Annual Town Report along with our budget for the next fiscal year, with no changes to the budget we submitted for this year.

As our representative to the HVES (Highland Valley Elder Services) Board, Polly is considering joining the Finance Committee to fulfill her duties.

Our LGBTQ+ training needs to be updated.

The March consortium meeting focused solely on funding for the COA newsletter running out in June. Some solutions: It is already posted on the consortium website but, in addition, we could post it on our new website. **Funding for digital copies will be extended until December 2024, using the Consortium Donation Fund.** Also, we could explore the possibility of asking the Plainfield Post to give us one or two pages, but we would need to prepare or convince our town that it is a good idea. Another solution is printing out some copies for library pick up.

Due to lack of participation, the COA is not going to subsidize the Earthdance exercise class after May.

Polly has submitted the EOE (Executive Office of Elder Affairs) annual report for 2024.

The final report on our vaccine initiatives was submitted to the NCOA. Having met our goal with the distribution of 154 vaccinations, we have earned \$5,000, which needs to go into our Donation account.

There was a discussion about the propriety of submitting an article to the COA newsletter about Polly's bid for a seat on the Select Board. For now, she will hold off on that and place the article in The Plainfield Post instead because that venue is open to all candidates.

**Programming:**

No one has expressed any interest yet in the Multigenerational Sharing Club. Some ideas: becoming pen pals with older children; sharing lunch at Sanderson Academy; simply "hanging out" and having conversations with children interested in this form of community service.

There will be a March 29th trip to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, which includes lunch (paid for by COA) at their cafe.

We will sponsor a trip to the Susan B. Anthony Museum in Adams on April 26. Lunch at The Daily Grind will follow, compliments of COA.

The Alzheimer's Association Annual Virtual New England Family Conference had 3 participants.

Polly will virtually attend the Summit to Fight Fraud on March 19, 9-3. Anyone can join her at the Town Hall and lunch will be provided.

**Luncheon Assignments:**

April: Lamb and potatoes -Polly; veggie - Shirley; bread - Bonnie; Mary - dessert; Linda Carver has volunteered to make salad.

May: Meat loaf - Polly; scalloped potatoes - Mary; coleslaw - Bonnie; veggie - Shirley; pies - Sue

June: See if Pub 116 can host us for pizza and salad.

July: Hot dogs and hamburgers

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Potter