

## 9/13/23 Plainfield COA Board Meeting Agenda;

No June, July, August 2023, minutes. Went to MCOA Board Training in Pittsfield in lieu of June meeting. Debriefed June training at Polly's house over dinner in July. No August meeting.

### **Coordinator updates**

- Newsletter is funded for one more year.
- Received a \$23,000 MCOA grant to double the driver pool service the HCDC provides to 60+ residents. Need to solicit drivers and advertise program. Also have volunteer drivers, Dennis Carr and Erik Burcroff.
- Received \$10,000 NCOA vaccine initiative grant. \$25 gift certificate for 60+ individuals that register for October clinic. Possible November Covid clinic.
- EOE grant proposal prepared by Peg Whalen for Enhancing Digital Literacy for Older Adults was awarded (\$300,000). The project has four goals: give Whip City or Comcast internet service to those households without; give people laptop/tablet devices to connect to our digital world; train folks to use their new or current devices; offer technical support either in face-to-face appointments, by phone, at drop-in center, through classes, workshops, Zoom, and videos on the Northern Hilltown's Consortium of Councils on Aging website, [www.northernhilltownscoas.org](http://www.northernhilltownscoas.org). Chesterfield has older laptops they can loan out to people.
- Polly got website training for posting content on the Consortium and Town website. She can now update both with current content.
- Mary and Bonnie need to do LBGTQ training. Anyone want a do-over?

### Programming:

- October (followed by elder law presentation), November, December luncheons.
- COA Consortium Memory Conference September 28th in Chesterfield from 10-3pm.
- Gen Silent documentary, Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 pm, Anne T. Dunphy School in Williamsburg
- HEALTH FAIR, Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 1 pm, at the Town Office Building, 141 Main St., Haydenville.
- Tuesday, September 26th at 9:30am in the Plainfield Village Church, memory support group with guest nurse from Northampton Health Department
- WEDNESDAY September 27th in Town Hall at 10am Dancing with Polly...
- Tim Van Egmond, Folksinger & Storyteller, Artist-Educator is writing a grant to fund a 2024 St. Patrick's performance after our March luncheon.
- October outing to Bascom Lodge.
- Veterans luncheon
- Regular in person exercise class?
- Any other suggestions?