

COA Board minutes, July 27, 2017 2:00 p.m.

**Meeting called to order at 2:04pm by Chair, Mary Williford.**

**Chair statement:** this meeting is being recorded if anyone else is recording the meeting, please notify the chair now. No other recorders announced.

**COA members present:** Pat Jordan, Mary Williford, Marsha Stone, Dorothy Gagnon,

Bobby O'Neill, Ginger Carson, Janice Colbert, Karen McCormack, Mary Parrott.

**Excused Absentees:** Tom Goodwin, Rachel Lively, Marsha Staples-Love, Adele Stevens.

**Staff present:** Hope Macary, Kathy Dunn, MaryAnn Socquet.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Minutes** for the June 22, 2017, approved as presented.

**Public Comment:** Wisty Rorabacher, Jean Wall.

Wisty Rorabacher talked about the "Community Garden" and how she would like it to be named just "The Garden" which would be more inclusion. Also to be an Edible Garden and hope they would have some say in the plantings, such as trees, shrubs and plants.

Plantings that would foster bees for pollination, hummingbirds as plants that help with insect control. With the Center having a kitchen it would be nice to have fresh vegetables and herbs within reach.

Jean Wall, Chairman of the Building Committee, gave an update on the progress of the new building and how much progress has already been made. Hoping for it to be completed and ready for occupancy in March of 2018.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** Mary Williford: Petty Cash in balance; set the agenda for the July COA Board meeting. It was agreed not to meet in August.

### **Staff Reports:**

### **Activity Director:**

- Memory Café doing well.
- Seniority Dance thankful for funding from Highland St Foundation, which also funded the "Ice Cream Fundae" event.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> the Greenfield High School will once again hold a Bar-B-Que at the Senior Center.
- Ice Cream Fundae made a profit of \$22.00. The Highland Street Foundation sponsored this event and with that sponsorship we were able to keep the cost down so more could afford to come.
- COA received an anonymous donation of \$5,000.00

- Trips; \$756.00 was made on the Beaufort Princess trip; the Salem trip is almost sold out, and a trip to the Log Cabin is being planned for early December.
- Community partnerships are growing. New partnership with Griswold Home Care will be sponsoring our Halloween Party this year.

**Director:**

- There's still no word from EOE regarding the amount of our FY18 Formula Grant but it's fairly certain there will be a cut from last FY.
- Hope had a meeting with W.B. Mason in regards to furnishing the new building. They have a lot of experience in what is needed to furnish senior centers and what to be mindful of. One of the first steps is to get a list of what is needed; specific items will make it easier to solicit donations.
- Meeting with the Community Garden Committee was positive; they are willing to work us for the best possible solution.
- The development of the shared use agreement is still on hold.
- The new Volunteer Coordinator starts July 31.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** Mary Williford has been in contact with the members of the GSF but there has still been no progress made. Plans are to have their members meet with a few COA Board Members in order to change the status of the GSF from inactive to active. This would make it easier for the Center to receive donations.

Adjourned at 2:30pm on a **motion** made by Janice Colbert, seconded by Dorothy Gagnon, unanimous.

Next COA meeting, September 28, 2017

Recorder: MaryAnn Socquet