

## Commission on Aging Minutes

Monday, June 11, 2018

Judy Knox called meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at the OFH/senior center.

Attendees: Elaine Buchardt, Judy Knox, Cathy Palazzi, Georgia O'Brien

Excused:: Sue Schmidt

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No Agenda was posted for the Monday, June 11, 2018 meeting so Judy said we would use our March agenda and the notes we made regarding issues discussed at that time

We were unable to approve minutes or make any motions during our meeting due to the agenda not being posted.

### Old Business:

Georgia O'Brien recapped the trips for June, July and August.

1. June 14 Trip to Goodspeed all set with Suzann Abrams and George Knox driving. Pick up at OFH at 10:30 am.
2. June 20 Picnic at OFH/senior center
3. July Georgia reminded us there were no trips in July.
4. August 14 Aquaturf – Little Bit of Country, Little Bit of Rock & Roll
5. August 19 LTM – Marvelous Wonderettes

Georgia stated we need to watch out for Barbara Foran to make sure she was okay. She will sit next to Judy Knox.

Elaine talked about the Short and Long Term Committee and where the committee was with plans to propose a community building/senior center to the BOS. Elaine mentioned once a building was actually in the works a committee would be chosen to work on the plans. Cathy said she would like to see Georgia and Judy on that committee and they both stated they would like to be considered.

Cathy thanked Elaine for the excellent job she was doing on the Short/Long Term Committee as she had attended the meeting and heard Elaine remind Eric the "hub" of Andover was School Road not Center Street. Elaine stated a survey was being mailed to residents along with their tax bill in July and it is hoped the residents will answer the questions to assist the committee on what the residents actually want to see in Andover.

Cathy gave her report as follows:

1. She has spoken with Ed and told him the best days to paint the stairs as it was warm enough now. She has emailed Joe Higgins to have a record of requesting stairs to be painted.
2. Cathy had invited Rep. Robin Green to our June meeting but she has had an operation and is recovering. Cathy had emailed the COA committee on March 22, 2018 to let them know that Rep. Green would like to come but she would ask that committee members send Cathy questions they would like answered. Cathy

- pointed out that to date she had not heard from any committee members on what they would like Rep. Green to talk about.
3. Cathy has spoken to Joe and to Ed about checking out the status of the flooring to make sure it is safe for the seniors. No confirmation from them at this time.
  4. Water testing will be done in June when it is done at the Town Hall. After that it will automatically be done once per year.
  5. Regarding CERT, Paul Bancroft told Cathy AES is the emergency center if it should be needed. At one time, Paul had a list of transportation drivers with phone numbers. The plan at that time, if seniors needed to be taken to AES, Paul would contact head driver George Knox, and he would assign buses, etc. Cathy will give Paul another list in case he does not have the current drivers.
  6. Regarding the sound issues in the community room, after following up with Julia Haverl, she told Cathy it was not in the budget for 2018/2019 as promised. However; at the BOS meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, BOS stated Joe Higgins should find the money to get this project done so that seniors could hear better and attend the meetings when they wanted to.

#### New Business:

Georgia said she would like Rep. Green to provide answers for the following questions:

- She wants information on the Social Security and Pension 2018.
- Georgia stated other states are not paying taxes on SS and Pensions.
- She would like to have an idea of the date a new brochure on “Acts Affecting Seniors” will be published by Rep. Green. Cathy stated she would be in touch with Rep. Green and ask her and report back to committee.

Cathy said she would be looking into getting people in a class to obtain a permit to serve food for our luncheons. The people who want to go will be:

Elaine Buchardt, Frank Chaves, Judy Knox, Georgia O’Brien, Cathy Palazzi, Sue Schmidt

Cathy took the availability of each person at the meeting so she could try to get us all in the same class. If this is not possible we can do two separate classes.

Georgia had a brochure from Lebanon regarding their celebrations of people who were 90+. They honor the 90+ Year Young Birthday’s with cake and ice cream like we do the first Wednesday of the month but it is in their honor.. We talked about Barbara Foran, Flo Columbe, Lois Popoff all being in their 90s. Cathy will look at the Registrar of Voter records to see if we have more 90s.

Next Meeting is Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We may have to move time to 11:00 a.m. due to the cleaning crew coming in right after 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Palazzi*

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