

Council on Aging Minutes Oct. 7, 2016

Board Members Present: Linda Chute, Karen Johnson, Deb Greene, Jean Kopke, Ed Selman

Absent: Sonny Mercuri, Jane Lukasiewicz

Staff Present: Gene Mazzella, Director

Old Business: COA change of hours. Any change in hours has to be negotiated with the union. Will re-visit at a later date.

Part time positions: a ^{step} ~~merit~~ increase was obtained for an individual who had not received it under the supervision of the former director.

ARPC – can do more with less when collaborating with other communities.

OCES – collaborating for program development with the sheriff office, Norfolk County, CHNA – organization deals with obtaining federal monies. More information to follow.

CDBG Board – Outreach position is funded thru a grant. Looking into obtaining funding for a full time Outreach position was discussed.

Project money to Avon & W. Bridgewater residents is available thru a grant for making improvements to their homes.

A tax relief program is available for seniors who cannot afford to pay their taxes.

Creating a Friends of the COA committee was discussed. This committee could fundraise for programs or events offered by the COA.

A By-Laws Committee was established consisting of Ed Selman, Karen Johnson and Gene Mazzella to work on creating COA By-Laws.

Aug 5, 2016 minutes amended & accepted.

The seniors enjoyed a lunch sponsored by the Avon Fire Dept. on Sept. 22 at the Avon Fish & Game. The seniors enjoyed a DJ entertainment and many raffles prizes.

New Business: Adding members as Associate Members was discussed. A few people have expressed an interest in this.

This month's Restaurant of the Month is Niko's in West Bridgewater, the seniors will be going there on Wed. Oct. 12th for lunch.

Gene met with ^{SheRi}Shelly Guilbault of the Avon Housing Authority. She welcomes and encourages a presence of the Council on Aging at Fellowship Circle.

The town hall has set up a schedule of early voting dates for the upcoming election on Nov. 8th. Seniors are encouraged to come for lunch and vote afterwards.

There is a special town meeting on Oct. 24th. Seniors are encouraged to attend and be informed about their town.

Gene and Ed Selman will work together on another COA program for Avon cable. They will discuss all kinds of programs and events available for seniors.

Paul Barker, keeper of the clock located in the tower of the Baptist Church will be coming to the COA for a discussion and video of his work. A date will be determined for this program.

Sheila Gill, owner of Secret Wellness Spa in Avon will be at the COA providing services to the seniors. Sheila visited on Oct. 6th and discussed her spa options that are available. A date will be determined later.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Friday, Nov. 18th at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chute, Secretary

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