

## COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES JUNE 16, 2017

Present: Karen Johnson, Jean Kopke, Deb Greene, Joanne Grenham, Ed Selman (Members) and Gene Mazzella (Director of the COA) Absent were Board Members Linda Chute and Silvio Mercuri.

Meeting Opened at 10:05 a.m.

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the May 12, 2017 meeting were read and reviewed and approved with a couple of corrections.

### **Old Business:**

#### Commercial dishwasher

Gene reported that a check has been drawn to Restaurant Depot to purchase the commercial dishwasher. The Electrician and Plumber are all ready to do the install when the dishwasher is delivered.

#### Outreach Position

The Outreach position was discussed. The position, which will be a full time position is being reviewed by Legal. The current position will be temporary part time until the new position is posted and filled.

#### Avon Housing

Outreach is working with Avon housing to connect with seniors who need friendly visitors, home delivered meals and/or transportation.

#### Library

The Senior drop off at the Avon Library was reviewed. It has been determined that it will be safe to allow the van to drop off and pick up at the curb in front of the Library.

The September cookout was discussed. It was noted that there is a possibility we could combine our cookout with Holbrook Council on Aging. This would allow us to provide additional entertainment that we can't afford on our own. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

#### Meeting with Board of Selectmen

Gene Mazzella reported that he attended a Board of Selectmen meeting to provide an update on COA and discuss the van usage and a grant that is available to obtain a new van. There were a few issues that came up. It was decided that we should do an analysis to determine how other towns handle the questionable issues. The possibility of having the van run on a voucher system was also discussed.

#### Other

Deb discussed the protocol for responding to emergencies. It was felt that it may be a good idea to set up (in writing) some guidelines for future use.

Karen discussed the 50/50 raffle. The seniors enjoy the raffle but maybe the proceeds should be used to support different charities. This brought up the need for the COA to have a friends group to hold fund raisers etc.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Approved on:

7-21-17

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jean Kopke", written in a cursive style.

Jean Kopke  
Treasurer