

# Town of Avon Massachusetts

## COUNCIL ON AGING

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### Council on Aging Minutes February 15, 2018 1:00 pm

Meeting held at Civic Center – 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322

Present: Karen Johnson, Deb Greene, Jean Kopke, Joanne Grenham, Ed Selman and Gene Mazzella COA Director Absent: Linda Chute and Sonny Mercuri

### **Minutes:**

Motion was made and carried to table review and approval of December 27, 2017 minutes.

### **Old Business:**

#### FY 19 Avon Budget Discussion

Gene presented budget and supporting documents used in budget meeting with Selectmen.

Meeting went very well and Selectmen supporting a budget that would strengthen the kitchen and van driver wages.

Gene will meet with the Finance Committee once the Selectmen release their recommendations.

COA Board meeting will be called if Selectmen recommendation for COA changes from current expectation.

### **New Business:**

#### Senior Suggestions

Coffee Update - Coffee has been plentiful throughout the day. Tim goes to each table offering coffee, drinks or more desserts.

Fruit Salad – Some Seniors would like to return to having cut up fruit. It was decided to start that in April.

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Arm Chairs – seniors would like chairs with arms in the reception and outreach/volunteer area. Gene will investigate getting some. A total of four would be needed. It was discussed the lunch area would not support chairs with arms.

Restaurant – Nikos was suggested and added to the calendar for next trip.

### Director's Report

Antique Road Show – Capello's came to COA. It went well and \$65.00 was donated to COA.

Volunteer Coordinator - Jayne is paid by a state grant and is on Selectmen's agenda tonight to be approved for more hours supported by COA town budget approved at Town Meeting.

Progressive Discipline – Selectmen gave progressive discipline guidance to help resolve persistent personnel issues.

Confidential Meeting Space – Selectmen are concerned that COA West Wing not suitable to make into confidential office space. Gene to keep working on possible solutions.

HVAC – Town maintenance budget monies are available to resolve our heat issue. Shanna was helpful in finding this for us.

Valentine's Day Luncheon – Luncheon was well attended. There were free door prizes and a 50/50 drawing that helped support the Walk to End Alzheimer's. All seniors received a nice flower. The new van driver Tony Famolare was introduced to Seniors and he said a few words.

Town Election Candidates – Gene will reach out to all candidates for contested seats and invite them to meet and greet the seniors as well as submit a photo and blurb for the newsletter following the same procedure we did last year.

### **Other Business:**

COA Annual Report – draft of the report was presented for review and accepted.

American Cancer Society – A thank you letter for donation by the seniors we presented.

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The next meeting will be scheduled following the budget meeting with the Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07.

Documents and Exhibits: Agenda, Senior Suggestions, Selectmen Budget Meeting Documents and 2017 Annual Report Draft

Approved on: 4-13-18

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Chute*

Linda Chute, Secretary