

**COA Meeting March 13, 2019 1:00**

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

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Old Business: Gene is going to use money from the State Formula Grant for a new sound system for the COA lunch room.

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COA/Park & Rec. shared space – on the back burner for now. A feasibility study will be done on all the town buildings.

Friends of the COA – Gene has put together a list of people for a Friends group. Gene will check and see if they are interested. It was suggested putting together a signup sheet for interested seniors.

New Business: The Council on Aging hours will change in April to match the town hall hours. Gene will reach out with the new hours.

Seniors emergency snow response – Joanne, Karen, Gene & Louise called to check on seniors during the last snow storm. Gene organized a group of high school students to do shoveling for seniors.

Responsibility for the buildings doorways and walks and vehicles was discussed. Greg Enos will meet with DPW to determine what their responsibilities are.

Computer stations at the COA – Gene will move forward on this, get 2 computers & printer and internet service installed, would like to be reimbursed.

There was discussion on sending some food home with the seniors for over the weekend when lunches and meals on wheels are not available. Karen suggested asking other COA's if they do this too.

Norfolk County Sherriff Program – have high school students help seniors with computer, tablets and electronics. The Are You OK program is also available, maybe advertise in the Money Saver.

Collaborations: work with Park & Rec to do more intergenerational programs.

ACES: The Board of Health will take over the program, Amanda will be in touch.

Schools: The high schools seniors will be meeting and talking with the COA seniors about their life experiences and share stories. This is a type of autobiographical program that will last for 6 weeks.

Library: Gene met with Ann discussing ways to collaborate with the seniors. The paintings the seniors did at the last paint class are on display at the library.

Molasses Flood Talk: by Derrick Gunn on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The COA van will be available.

Population Figures: the latest figures show that 40% of the town population is 50 years and older.

Temporary emergency home delivered meals: A senior asked to have an in-house meal delivered if they usually come to lunch but are unable for an extended time. We have a contract with Old Colony Elderly Services not to deliver meals.

Other: Sonny Mercuri terms expires in 2020, Karen will talk with him soon to see if he wishes to continue to be on the board.

Vista Volunteer – is a no cost 2 year program.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for TBD?

*Submitted by,  
Funda Chute*

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