

Council on Aging Meeting Sept. 20, 2019 @ Avon Civic Center

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:09. A motion was made to approve the minutes with edits.

Old Business: Fellowship Circle Collaboration – Gene is on the Housing Authority agenda for Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019 to meet and discuss offering outreach services a few hours a month to the Fellowship Circle residents.

Reorganization and election of COA Board – tabled until the next meeting.

Kitchen Staff – Gene will ask the town administrator to be put on the agenda of the Personal Board to discuss the job description for a one person kitchen position.

New Business: Directors Report: Gene spoke about the OCPC Housing & DeMarco Park Survey that is critical for getting senior housing built in Avon. OCPC will have the final report by Dec. 31st. There are 2 parts to the report, a housing plan and a plan for DeMarco Park usage.

Space Needs: The Town Administrator has an architect coming to look at town hall and possibly the Council on Aging for additional office space that is needed. Gene is trying to work with Greg about the COA needs before the architect comes.

Activities Position: Gene is putting a proposal together for a new Activities Coordinator position for 10 -12 hours per week. The Activities Position would be in addition to the 19 hour Volunteer Coordinator position.

Van Drivers Phones: tabled until the next meeting.

Bring Kids to Work: Nancy Puckett brought up the idea of seniors bringing their adult Kids to the COA so they could become aware of the programs and events offered, since they are the next generation that would become part of the COA family. Louise and Gene are planning an open house for an upcoming Thursday late afternoon or evening once a date can be set with Nancy to participate.

Restaurant of the Month: the next lunch trip is to Florian Hall.

The Thursday night programs have been very popular and well attended. Louise is working on upcoming programs.

The Memorial Service will be held again in April to honor seniors that have passed away during the year.

Gene suggested a Grief Counseling program for interested staff and COA members.

The Veterans Lunch will be held again in November.

Tufts Grant: There will be two listening sessions followed by a questionnaire scheduled for October 10, 2019 from 10 – 12:00 and another on October 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

In November the CAB will begin to meet. Ed Selman and Nancy Puckett along with a variety of seniors will participate.

Van Rides: There was a question on who is eligible for van rides. Gene stated a person has to be 60 years of age or older to ride the van. If a person has ADA certification thru BAT they are entitled to transportation.

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chute 10/11/19

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Secretary