

Present: Jayne Carthas Interim Director, Karen Johnson Co-Chair, Linda Chute, Deb Greene, Jean Kopke, Joanne Grenham, Ed Selman, Nancy Puckett Co-Chair, Eric Beckerman by Zoom

Old Business: Tufts Grant – Nancy touched base on how the grant money can be used and discussed purchasing round fold up tables for the COA lunch room. Tufts are being very lenient with how the money can be spent. Jayne will check with the town accountant on this.

Friends Group: Still trying to organize Friends of the COA group. Will put information in the August newsletter.

Fellowship Circle: They are not fully open yet. The COA would like to invite residents to the July 29th lunch at the Fish & Game. Jayne will contact Sherry and check on the best way to distribute information.

COA Re-opening: The first lunch was a BBQ to welcome the seniors back. It was a great success with 50 people in attendance.

Masks: At this point in time masks are recommended for kitchen staff. These guidelines may change in the near future.

New Business: On July 29th there will be a lunch held at the Fish & Game. There is a signup sheet for those wishing to attend. Singo will be played along with Chick-Fil- A sandwich, chips, dessert and beverage.

Bingo: Will be scheduled every other Wednesday. Jayne obtained the license to hold bingo games. Coffee and pastry will be available.

Shredder Machine: Jayne has made arrangements for a shredder machine to be at the COA for seniors to have paper waste shredded. The date will be in the newsletter.

Memorial Garden: The idea of a memorial flower garden was brought up by Louise Hardiman. The town is working with an architect to develop DeMarco Park; there may be a possibility to include some type of memorial garden.

Computers for seniors: There are two new laptops available for the seniors. There was a discussion on having a computer class for them in the future.

Senior Exercise Program: Nancy suggested having a exercise instructor who has experience working with seniors come in for a short basic stretching session before lunches.

Other Business: On July 22 at 6 p.m. the Avon Police will be here to chat with residents about any concerns they may have. There is a signup sheet to attend.

There is a large crack in the cement in front of the entrance door at the COA. This needs to be fixed before someone gets hurt.

Ask town hall employees to park in the back parking lot on Tuesday & Thursdays when lunch is being served. Motion made and second to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 11:17. Next meeting is Aug. 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Chute, Secretary

Linda Chute