

Council on Aging meeting Sept. 3, 2021 10:00

Present – Jayne Carthas Interim COA Director, Karen Johnson, Linda Chute, Deb Greene, Nancy Puckett, Jean Kopke, Joanne Grenham, Eric Beckerman

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Meeting was called to order at 10:00. Motion to accept the Aug. 13, 2021 minutes with correction noted.

Old Business: Louise Hardiman vacation request. The Board made a motion to send the Board of Selectmen a letter requesting that Louise be given 1 week more vacation time on her anniversary date in October of this year.

Van Drivers: Jayne did a survey of surrounding COA's procedure for pay when a van driver arrives at work and the ride has been cancelled. Some towns pay 4 hrs minimum to the drivers. The Board is requesting a 2 hr minimum pay when this happens. The drivers will remain at the COA and help with other tasks if this occurs.

Jayne Carthas stipend: The COA board will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting compensation for hours worked by Jayne before she was appointed to the Interim Director position. Calculation paperwork was presented to the Board and was verbally agreed upon by the town labor attorney.

Sound the Alarm Program: tabled until the next meeting.

Fellowship Circle: The community room will not be open to the residents until Sept. 13th. No date has been set for a cookout with the COA.

Jayne passed out a brochure listing our mission statement along with assistance information, services and programs offered by the Council on Aging.

New Business: A suggestion was made to offer free van rides for the seniors until the end of this year. The Board will review again this at the January meeting.

Jayne received a letter from Erin the town accountant regarding the van revolving account. Jayne and Jean Kopke will set up a meeting to clarify some of the information in the letter.

Signs: A sign to direct people to the COA offices was discussed. A sign for the Council on Aging can be attached below the present Avon Town Hall sign.

The BBQ at the Fish & Game for the seniors will be held on Sept. 9, 2021. There will be a hamburgers & hot dog lunch along with music and much more.

Cook – Cindy Seely is retiring. The assistant cook position is being filled next week. The head cook position will be posted and interviews will take place soon.

CBD Nurses – program on Sept. 16th, 2021 at 5:30, pizza will be served.

Cost of Living for van drivers – The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator are currently working on a new grid pay scale. More information will follow.

Friends Group – a number of seniors have shown interest in forming a group.

The paper shredder from Mike Morrissey's office will be in the parking lot on Oct. 13th for shredding paper waste.

Triad – on Oct. 7th there will be a program on scams and frauds presented by Gail Bellotti.

Motion to adjourn made and second. Meeting adjourned at 12:05

Next meeting is Oct. 8, 2021 at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary