Council on Aging Meeting Oct. 8, 2021 10:00

Present: Jayne Carthas COA Director, Karen Johnson, Linda Chute, Deb Greene, Nancy Puckett, Joanne Grenham, Jean Kopke, Ed Selman

The meeting was called to order at 10:05. Motion made to accept the minutes of Sept. 3, 2021.

The Board welcomed Jayne Carthas as the new COA Director and looks forward to working with Jayne and the COA staff.

Old Business: Louise Hardiman request for additional vacation time was approved.

Van Drivers - the Board of Selectmen want more information from the state.

Jayne Carthas stipend was approved.

<u>Sound The Alarm Program:</u> Chief Spurr will meet with Jayne on Tuesday, Oct. 12 to discuss lock boxes, safety bracelets and numbers on houses. Meals on Wheels volunteers have reported there are houses with no visible street number.

<u>Fellowship Circle</u>: there has been no further communication from Sherry. Jayne will call her again.

<u>Head Cook Position:</u> There have been no applicants. The Board suggests writing a letter to Board of Selectmen and requesting a raise in salary to the minimum wage to attract applicants. It was suggested sending the job description to Blue Hills Regional High School and Massasoit College culinary depts.

The Board will look into having Thanksgiving lunch catered from Fasano's or Smith's Catering. The Assistant Cook position has been filled we are still waiting on the Head Cook Position to be filled.

<u>Halloween Party:</u> will be on Oct. 28th. The seniors are encouraged to wear their costumes.

<u>New Business:</u> The Board of Selectmen voted to appoint Jayne Carthas as the new COA Director.

<u>Friends Group:</u> There are a number of seniors interested in forming a Friends Group. A meeting will be scheduled soon to get the group started.

The Scams and Frauds program presented by Gail Bellotti has been rescheduled for Oct. 26^{th} at lunch time.

The paper shredder will be in the parking lot on Oct. 13th for shredding personal paperwork.

Van rides will be free until the end of the year. We will revisit this in January.

Restaurant of the Month – Stoneforge or The Chateau was suggested.

Other: The bathroom door in the lunch room needs a new door knob. Jayne will contact the DPW.

The Flu Vaccine will be on Oct. 19th at St. Michael's van rides will be available for the seniors.

The grease trap in the kitchen was cleaned it will be looked at again in 6 months.

Van drivers are using the hand held scanners.

Norwood Theater – there is a signup sheet for lunch and a musical performance on Nov. 3^{rd} . The price is \$42 this price includes lunch, does not include the bus ride.

The next 2 meetings will be on Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

Motion was made by Deb Green second by Nancy Puckett to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary