

Council on Aging Minutes April 9, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Present: Christine Quinn COA Director, Karen Johnson, Linda Chute, Deb Greene, Joanne Grenham, Nancy Puckett, Jean Kopke, Eric Beckerman Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF AVON
2021 MAY 10 A 9:30

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of March 5, 2021.

TOWN CLERK

After a lengthy discussion it was felt that receiving the Selectmen's Report would provide the Board with all the information and happenings of the previous month. It was suggested to email all pertinent information for the meeting a few days before the meeting so everyone has a chance to read it over and be prepared for the meeting.

Fellowship Letter: Eric asked Christine who the letter is meant to target. Christine replied it was for the 60+ population living at Fellowship Circle. The letter contains an insert of services offered by the COA and referrals to OCES. Eric asked if we charge for the COA Newsletter to be mailed, Christine said just the out of town seniors are charged.

Grab n Go Lunches: will be starting on May 6th twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will be advertised in the newsletter which is available at the Town Hall, Library, Post Office and Fellowship Circle. Christine asked the board about providing a grab n go craft once a month.

Eric will check with town hall about the COA applying for a nonprofit mailing permit.

Tufts Grant: Ed and Nancy met with Christine. Some suggestions on using the Tufts Grant money could be for lock boxes for senior homes, dental kits, thermometers, smoke detectors and helping seniors apply for a handicap parking tag. They will meet again next week to discuss more ideas.

News Business: Reopening the COA. Christine is meeting with Greg Enos on Monday and will give the Board an update after the meeting.

There was a question about town departments combining money and collaborating on a program. Eric said town approved money cannot be mixed with other departments money.

Christine would like to have a Happiness Program speaker and have it open to the community. The cost would be \$250. Eric suggested it needs proper communications and promotion for it to be a success. There was discussion on a large enough site to hold the program, with the Avon VFW as a possible venue.

Christine asked about the open meeting law and using zoom. Karen said all Board members have completed the open meeting law program.

Christine asked about reorganizing the Council on Aging Board. Karen said it is usually in April after the town elections. Karen stated she will be stepping down as Chairman but will remain on the Board. Eric suggested having Co-Chairman as a possible option. He will check with town counsel.

Motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

May 7th, 2021 is the next scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Chute".

Linda Chute

Secretary