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**COA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 3, 2024**

**Board Members Present:** Dennis Goguen, Deborah Goodrich, Warren Leach, Ed MacDonald, Karen Carter, Merrie Gerber, Lydia Cerce, Eileen Melican

**Staff Members Present:** Kathy Lohnes, Donna LoConte

Call to Order: Dennis called the meeting to order at 3:25.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made to accept the November minutes by Karen. Ed seconded and the motion passed without discussion.

Announcements:

Senior Citizens Society Update: Warren noted that there are 82 members of the Society. Forty-six members attended a holiday lunch at Val's in Holden in December. Future meetings: Jan 8- Ray from the Light Dept, Feb 12 Bingo/Valentine's meeting, March 19 corn beef and cabbage at Worcester Tech for \$10.00.

Wachusett Rotary Holiday Hams: 12 hams were donated to seniors in Boylston

Lions Club: donated 12 gift cards to seniors for the holidays

Jan/Feb Newsletters arrived today from the publisher. More recipients have been added to the database based on their age. The Nov/Dec newsletter totaled 849 pieces and cost approximately \$600.00. Encouraging seniors who have email to go paperless.

## Old Business

Fitness Classes/Program Updates: The Wednesday afternoon Yoga class has been suspended due to low attendance. Will revisit in the spring.

Van Update: Snow tires are on the van. The van windshield has been replaced.

COA Van Scheduler Title and Driver Hourly Rate: Kathy will meet with April and collect information from other towns.

Senior Center Update: Dennis reported that a vendor has been chosen from Vermont for the design work at the Gough House. The goal is to have a proposal by March to create a warrant for the May Town Meeting.

## New Business

Van Driver Hours for canceled day: Kathy asked if the drivers should be paid if their day is canceled due to weather, etc. The Board referred her to the Town Administrator for clarification.

Newsletter Postage/ FY 2025 Budget: The cost of mailing the newsletters is increasing. Kathy will review the actual costs and request an increase based on her findings. Kathy has requested a meeting with the Town Administrator.

COA Town Report: Due on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Dennis to prepare.

Ed moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:37pm. Karen seconded the motion. All in favor. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna LoConte