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COA Board Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2024

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

Staff Members Present: Kathy Lohnes, Donna LoConte

Tour of the Gough House: The COA BOD toured the Gough House prior to the meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dennis at 3:35.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made by Warren to approve the February Minutes. It was seconded by Ed. All in favor. The motion carried.

Announcements:

Senior Citizen Society Update: The Society will be meeting off site on Tuesday 3/19 at the Worcester Technical High School for lunch. The meeting on 4/8/2024 will be at the Town House at 10:30 with Amanda Gibson who is a puppeteer. Pizza will be served. A comedian is booked on 5/13.

March/April Newsletter: The newsletter went to the post office on Monday. COA mailed 963 newsletters to town residents and 16 to out of town residents.

Old Business

Fitness Class/Program Updates: Kathy reported that the overall attendance for the Fitness Class is 123 participants for February. COA sponsored 2 CPR classes with a total of 21 participants receiving their certification. A fall prevention program will be held on 3/26 at 1:00 and the Worc Registry of Deeds is presenting on 4/9/2024. Dennis will be attending the Senior Citizen Society meeting on 4/8 with an update on the Senior Center and on 4/18 at 10:30 in the COA office with coffee available.

Van Update/Ride Update: Van driver training on 3/23 at the Clinton Senior Center. Kathy and Blair will attend. Jason sent out an email requesting bids for a new van as the COA begins to plan for the future as our current van is aging.

Senior Center Update: The quote will be done in the next couple of weeks and will go to the Feasibility Committee. If the quote is reasonable, then it will proceed to the warrant for the May Town Meeting. There was some question at the meeting as to why the decision to build the Senior Center is made at the Town Meeting as opposed to being on the ballot. Kathy agreed to invite April to the next meeting to discuss the process with the Board so that the members are clear.

Finance Committee: Kathy and Dennis went to the Finance Committee Meeting. Kathy discussed the cost of mailing the newsletter. The Committee noted that the COA is approved for 4 drivers though we currently have 3. The committee questioned whether some of the budgeted money could be used to raise the pay for the current drivers. Kathy will discuss with April.

New Business: No new topics were requested for the April Meeting.

Next Meeting: April 3, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna LoConte

