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COA Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024

Board Members Present: Dennis Goguen, Warren Leach, Ed MacDonald, Merrie Gerber, Lydia Cerce, Eileen Melican

Staff Members Present: Kathy Lohnes, Donna LoConte

Meeting was called to order at: 3:40

Warren made a motion to accept the January COA Board Meeting Minutes. Ed seconded. All in favor.

Announcements:

Senior Citizen Update: Feb 12 meeting pizza and bingo. March 19th Worcester Tech Corn Beef and Cabbage. No Atlantic City trip due to low participation. Working on a fall trip. Dennis will update the Society re: Senior Center proposal at the April meeting.

March/April Newsletter: Trying to get them out earlier since it is taking longer for the post office to deliver the newsletter.

Old Business

Fitness Class/Program Updates: 107 fitness visits for January with 2 holidays and one snowy day. CPR was very successful in January. An additional class on 2/21 is

planned with 6 participants. Fall Prevention workshop is being offered in the spring.

Van Update/Rides Update: Van is in good shape. No mechanical problems.

Senior Center Update: Members were provided with the Boylston Senior Center-Gough House Study Phase Meeting Minutes of 12/28/2023. An elevator to the basement was discussed at that meeting which would increase the cost of the elevator system by \$23,000.00.

FY 2025 Budget: Kathy and Dennis have a meeting on 2/26/24 with the finance committee to discuss the budget. Kathy asked for more money for van driver salary and newsletter postage.

New Business

Support for the proposed Senior Center: Dennis distributed the annual report for COA to the board. Dennis also distributed a narrative that he would like to be put in the newsletter for March/April re: the Senior Center. Kathy and Donna will review and give Dennis feedback tomorrow.

Future Agenda Items

Could the board go to the Gough House next month, prior to the start of the March meeting? Kathy will follow up prior to the March meeting. Once the Senior Center proposal is on the warrant (mid-March) then it would be appropriate to put together a flyer to encourage folks to turn out for the May Town Meeting in support of the creation of a Senior Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30. Next meeting is Wednesday March 6, 2024 at 3:00 at the Gough House. The board meeting will follow at the Town Hall at 3:30. Kathy will confirm prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna LoConte