

Minutes March 3rd COA Board Meeting

In attendance: Doug Peck, Bill Harrington, Mike Backer, Sandy Kiess, Mary Ann Anderson, Gerry Capra, Pam LaFrancois, Carol Yozzo, Joyce Macknauskus, Sue Baust, Jeff Schiebe

Meeting called to order at 12:05pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 2nd by Bill and seconded by Sandy. The vote was unanimous to approve.

The budget is going through with the full request.

All full-time staff members now have town cell phone plans and numbers.

Currently this is being paid out of a grant but will be paid by the town in the next fiscal year.

There was a discussion regarding the Community Center exploratory committee.

There was a unanimous vote not to recommend Woodward school as a joint senior center and community center. Pam and Bill will draft a response to the committee for their meeting next week. There was a separate, unanimous vote to recommend a standalone facility dedicated to seniors.

Tax work-off program – 21 people are participating but it is getting harder and harder to find jobs.

Outreach – Cindy is now working 40 hours and has been very busy. She is seeing more critical and complicated cases.

Pam has met with the new property management team at Colonial Gardens and found them very positive and want to be involved in any activities

Walking Challenge – there are 35 people participating

Trailblazers – have been very active with many programs planned through June and beyond

Dull Men's Club – continues to attract a significant number of men. 32 were present for today's meeting

Friends Report – they have initiated a new fund raiser – flower bulbs – and are continuing to spread the word about it.

Legislative report – The governor has proposed an increase of \$2 per senior to the formula grant

Book Club – there are 10 people attending the monthly meetings

The next meeting date is April 7, 2023

Bill Harrington made a motion to end the meeting at 1:20pm and the motion was seconded by Jeff Schiebe