

COA Meeting: 6/7/23

Members present:

Les Molyneaux, Don Buckley, Ken Greene, Lorraine Gaysunas, Susan Setterland, Susannah Leslie

Virtual: No members

Committee discussed meeting minutes and how they need to be recorded. Kenton formally step down from secretary of committee.

Kenton, at the young age of 91, expressed his concerns of his thoughts and needs of the council on aging. He feels as though his thoughts/opinions may not reflect those that use the center. Offered to step aside to a younger member. Les countered and expressed that Kenton brings valuable knowledge to the committee. Kenton agreed to continue on the board.

Committee tabled the vote to accept meeting minutes due to the minutes not being complete

Directors Report:

Tammy presented the board with the current budget reports as of April. The board went through page by page the reports. Only 1 full time employee comes out of the town COA budget. All other employees come out of other funding sources (grants, PEG, ect). Kenton asked about how employee hours are documented (clock it) and if it is documented if staff from other departments work at COA (if IT was to come and do work on computers). Tammy explained how the overall budget balances out at the end of the year, so although certain line items may appear to be over, the overall Community Services budget is still in the green.

Kenton asked about what the members need to do to be certified on open meeting law. Asked if there is a test or class that they have to take when they are re-appointed. Seems to be some confusion between the open meeting and the conflict of interest exam. Some members don't use computer, how do they take it? Those without computer will come in to the COA and take it.

Cottage Zoning:

Les talked about the status of cottage zoning

Planning for Future Needs:

Kenton has concerns: What will they do with the report that comes from a study on the future needs? What is going to be done with this report and how will it be funded? The reports will be used for planning for funding and to formulate a plan for future needs and expansions.

Les recommended a motion to accept the plan. Kenton made the motion, Susan seconded it. Vote passed 6-0 (sorry i missed the actual motion so this will need to be updated

Strategic Plan:

Outreach (page 2) Susan took this task on. She has completed her work on it.

Programs: Ken and Les on-going

Senior Planet: Les would like senior Planet can we work with Kelly Lawrence to bring this program?

Evening Programs: Susan and Tammy. Susan attended the Library strategic plan meeting. Found it very constructive. Led by State Library Commission. Library is looking at possible partnerships for evening programs to enhance attendance.

Transportation: Don

Marketing communication/branding- want a more user friendly COA Website. Lorraine would like to work on getting local business to donate service/gift cards to seniors(center) to promote their business.

Kenton would like to see more branding for local businesses that offer senior discounts. Susan recommended reaching out to Chamber to see if they would bring it up at one of their meetings. Kenton asked about possibly showcasing business that offer discounts in the newsletter.

Tammy did express that the news letter company solicits advertisers to cover cost of newsletter so it may not be allowed in newsletter, but we can explore this option and other options more.

Master Plan

Age/Dementia Friendly Hanover

Les attended the Dementia friends workshop

Tammy went over the process to become a dementia friendly community and where we are currently.

MCOA meeting:

June 26th in Plymouth 1pm at Plymouth COA

Board open Forum

Kenton found a report from Chatham COA explaining why they needed a new facility. He will send along to committee. Found it well done and could be useful for the group moving forward with expansion plans.

Kenton spoke with John Golluzo (spelling?). He works with YMCA. The Y would like to use their Laura Center more for program. Could this be an option for COA to utilize programs? Tammy did talk on how the Y did programming here at the center and when they tried to move them to the Y attendance dropped greatly. She would be will to try again if there is interest from center member.

Susan gave kudos to Patty Walker for her Lunch/Dinners. Asked if Friends group could come to more meetings to update what they are doing.

Tammy announced that Colleen has been formally promoted to Assistant of Community Services

The board will not meeting in July.