

Harvard Council on Aging
Minutes: Monday, March 16, 2015
COA Board of Directors

Present: Connie Larrabee, Suzanne Roberts, Hank Fitek, Pam Frederick, Fran Nickerson, Carlene Phillips.

Absent: Bruce Dolimount, Katie Petrossi, Sue Guswa, COA Director Debbie Thompson

Guests: Ken Swanton, selectman, Deborah Thomson, potential board member.

The minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report this month

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building Project Update: Coffees are being held around town. The Friends of the COA put on an informational dinner at Hildreth House last week and Katie did the power point presentation.

SPECIAL COA BOARD MEETING NEXT WEEK: Monday, March 23, 2014

The meeting is to prepare and strategize for the town meeting on Sat., March 28, 2015.

All COA board members are expected to be there and to stand in front when the warrant article is presented on the Hildreth House project.

Connie and others hope to create a virtual tour with a volunteer from the Harvard Cable.

Block Grant: The selectmen will discuss this and vote on it at 7:30 pm at the selectmen's meeting on March 17, 2015.

Program Committee: The Food as Memory evening at Hildreth House on February 26 had a nice group of people with lots of good stories and good food. No event has been scheduled next month.

Minuteman Senior Services: Hank gave a report about the lower cost services that are provided by Minuteman.

Policies and Procedures for the COA: This will be finalized at the next board meeting when more members are present.

Director's Report The outreach caseload is still high but at least weather-related problems are not as severe. A group of Honor Society students are doing snow-clearing for seniors as a service project.

New Business: Connie reported that Marna Sorenson will be leaving in the summer and we need to work on an updated job description. Marna will be very hard to replace.

Facebook/social media: Beth and Adam have been updating Facebook and posting on

“Next Door Harvard.”

Friends of the COA: A half-page ad will be the Harvard Press next week. They are also strategizing for a get-out-the-vote process.

The next COA board meeting: April 27, 2015

Pam Frederick, recorder