

**COA Board Meeting
Minutes for 2/22/06**

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Present: Adele Anderson, Faith Driggs, Debra Giza, Barbara Larsen, Peg Rasmussen, Evelyn Minarik, Sandy Wonders, Suzanne Grout Thomas, Dennis Cunningham, Linda Balch

President Dennis Cunningham called the meeting to order and minutes of January 25th were accepted.

Linda Balch presented information about the history and current need for a "Friendly Visitor Program". She has a training manual and says as few as five volunteers would be enough to revive the program. The Board decided to support the effort. Dennis will draft a press release, Sandy offered to assist with on-going coordination, and the following will identify press contacts for publicity: Banner, Dennis; Cape Codder, Sandy; Cape Cod Times, Barbara; Cape Cod Voice, Dennis; Prime Time, Peg; Suzanne will also contact Channel 17.

We also discussed with Linda the concept of "Aging In Place" and the need and priority for helping elders stay in Wellfleet. Peg had a New York Times article on a program that does that on Beacon Hill. Peg expressed concern about the impact on elders of the issue of town responsibility for snow plowing. We agreed that it could be useful to gather information on the location and number of elders affected for Dennis to present at the April Town Meeting.

Suzanne suggested that she invite Jacqui to our April meeting for an update on SCO/PACE.

Peg distributed information on Insurance for volunteer drivers which Suzanne will review. She says the Selectmen oppose obtaining a free van because of the associated costs of about \$30,000.00 for a driver, insurance, etc. The current budget includes \$10,000.00 for transportation. Eastham and Truro also allow their vans to serve Wellfleet when possible. We continue to have a significant need for volunteer drivers.

NEW BUSINESS: Sandy reported on a recent meeting of Community Preservation Act Committee to explain how to apply for their funding, which could cover recreation and affordable housing for elders. The applications for next year's funding will be due 10/15/06. Census data distributed at the meeting reported that we have 45 residents over 90 years old, and 1014 aged 60+, which is almost 33% of Wellfleet's population.

A question was raised about the use of the Senior Center by summer visitors. Suzanne said no data has been collected on that but that a sign-in book could be used to ask for that kind of information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: A new weekly inside walking program will begin in March. Suzanne has applied for a grant for pedometers so participants can monitor their progress.

Selectmen have authorized an official committee to continue to work on the Care Campus concept which includes expanding Outer Cape Health services and new senior housing. The committee will be checking out all large tracts of land in town, not just the property next to the Senior Center.

The Valentine's Day Sing Along with Ken Roscoe at the piano was very successful and he will return for the Saint Patrick's Day luncheon on March 16th.

The next FCOA pancake breakfast will be Saturday, March 11th.

The Wellfleet Police Relief Association has donated \$300.00 for the grill to be used for cookouts.

Our next meeting will be on March 29th when we will continue our work on a mission statement. Barbara will preside since Dennis will be away. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wonders, Secretary

* later postponed to 3/29

accepted as corrected 3/29/06