

COA Board Meeting  
Minutes for 3/29/06

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**Present:** Adele Anderson, Frank Corbin, Faith Driggs, Debra Giza, Barbara Larsen, Evelyn Minarik, Sandy Wonders, Suzanne Grout Thomas, Dennis Cunningham

President Dennis Cunningham called the meeting to order and minutes of February 22nd were accepted with a correction of the March Meeting date which was planned for March 22nd but rescheduled to March 29th.

**Old Business**

Publicity about reviving the *Friendly Visitor Program* began with an item in the Cape Cod Times on Sunday, March 26th. Suzanne reported that Terri is working with the Cape Cod Times on on-going promotion of activities at the Senior Center.

Suzanne also updated us on *snow plowing* of private roads. It is legal for the town to plow private roads, but the additional resources needed will be requested at Town Meeting on April 24th. The warrant will contain a list of roads which citizens should check for accuracy and report any corrections needed to the DPW or Town Hall.

On the matter of *transportation needs*, Suzanne conferred with Linda Smulligan & determined that if a used mini-van, ideally handicapped-accessible, could be bought or donated, it could be maintained by the DPW & driven by volunteers who would then be covered by the town's insurance. Staff could drive it too, of course, and it may be possible to have scheduled trips for grocery shopping, etc.

The *Flex Route* is planned to begin this summer and will have an official stop at the Senior Center. Suzanne will attend the next Flex Route meeting and will come back with all the details.

We will plan to resume our discussion of a *mission statement* at the April meeting.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

A *Nextel cell phone* has been established for the COA after researching various options.

The recent *IKEA* field trip had 19 participants, but 20 were needed to break even. In the future non-refundable advance payment will be required.

Documentation of summer visitors' use of the Senior Center will be in a *Visitors' Book* asking for home addresses.

*Iris's Café* will be suspended from 6/15/06 through Labor Day, but the *Coffee Bar* will operate throughout the summer. Thursday lunches will resume in September and "*Soup to Go*" after Columbus Day.

Jacqui Wildes Beebe attended to update us on *Senior Care Options (SCO)* and *PACE*. PACE is a federal program of coordinated health care for nursing home eligible elders at home and SCO is a similar but less restrictive state program. We are 1 of 12 possible rural PACE programs being considered for development, but a "care campus" including assisted living, is a required foundation for a PACE program. The Selectmen recently formalized the Care Campus Committee to pursue that which would involve expansion of Outer Cape Health & collaboration with Cape End Manor/Seashore Point and the Orleans COA. Jacqui's handouts were very helpful in understanding the history and current status of the project and we appreciated her attendance.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26th at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wonders, Secretary

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