*COA meeting Monday, June 17, 2024*

The meeting was called to order by BJ Roche at 3:05pm

Attendees: BJ (chair), members, Brooke (intermittently), Donna, Town Nurse Rachel, Resident Diane Parrington and resident Jim Mckee.

**General Business:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 8, 2024.

**Scheduled Future Activities:**

*Foot Clinics*: Continue to go well and are popular with residents. The prices of foot clinics will increase from $50/hour and $20/per person to $60/hour and $25/per person (average increase of $115 a clinic). There was discussion about proposing a co-pay in the future, but it was decided to continue to keep it free to residents for the time being and to have residents who utilize the Foot clinics to take a survey about whether they would be ok/able to afford the co-pay for the clinic to offset cost- if many residents agree to do a voluntary donation (suggest $20) then we will put out a donation box inside clinic.

*Third Thursday Coffee Hour*:

The Third Thursday coffee morning on May 16th was a plate decopage ‘modgepodge’ with Anna Humbert, and the Claris tablet folks coming to speak with residents who received a tablet from 10am-11am- there was a yogurt bar and a baked goods.

The Third Thursday Coffee morning June 20th was going to be held outside the town hall, but due to high temperatures it was decided to move it inside. There will be an icecream bar (Rachel to buy) and some type of baked good.

*Walking Club with Rachel and Kelle-* to continue through the summer. 1 Hour long from 10am-11am. Was advertised in Goal Post- will put in July issue also, and will make robocall for this ongoing event. Walkers have signed medical release forms.

**Potential Future Activities**:

* *July and August Coffee Mornings*- to be held at park gazebo (if weather permits)- cornhole tournament, other games to be incorporated. Lori Pike spoke about combining in **July and August will be held with the Park’s ‘SENIOR PICNIC’- July 18th and August 15th. July date is confirmed and August will be confirmed shortly. There will be a BBQ (park) and desserts/drinks (COA).**
* *Summer event to Tanglewood*- *to be tabled until next summer due to concerns regarding weather/lack of coverage/ not enough time to organize and gauge interest.*
* *Summer Lake BBQ*-Taking place on Sunday July 14th. Bill Knittle is the potential entertainment- he is checking the date with his bandmates. The event is being organized by many town-folk and ***the COA will contribute by providing desserts, soft drinks, and tickets for panini truck for seniors to receive a free panini sandwich. Desserts will be bought/made and also seniors asjed to contribute desserts on the day.*** Lori Pike will check in to make sure enough staff/lifeguards will be available. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be made for residents to help out with jobs such as parking, safety, food tables, etc.
* *Check-in communities/Buddy system*- Household groups of 3-4 would combine to make a ‘pod’ and check-in on each other at least weekly in whatever way suits them- Ie. Text, email, phone call, in-person, social media, etc. The COA would then do a matching process and create the ‘pods’ after sign up is complete. This is voluntary and people/households would be able to add themselves to the pods or discharge themselves as they desire. This will be tabled for the future due to lack of interest/confusion.

**STILL IN THE WORKS (FUTURE)**

* *Photographer presentation* (Jaime Malcom Brown) to potentially take place on a Friday in May around 1pm- to be combined with school luncheon for residents. BJ is speaking with photographer and Bill Knittle to organize this. Cultural Council will fund this. ***This is still trying to be organized***.
* *Paint and sip*- Donna found a studio out of Wilmington VT and will contact
* *Movie day at town hall*- possibly in conference room on big screen TV.
* *Technology workshop*- BJ will construct a survey for residents with questions regarding technology use, needs/wants, different apps, etc.
* *Combining with other Town COA’s to hold events* (Ie. Heath, Monroe, Charlemont)- Donna has contacted local towns and has invited them to the April coffee morning to hear about Lifepath.
* *Suggestion Box*- It was discussed to put a suggestion box at the Town Hall entrance and in the Library for the seniors/community members to make suggestions of what activities they would like to see or topics they would like to get more information about.

Donna will order more supplies (paper products, etc. for the summer event and our ongoing coffee mornings)

The movie license the COA paid for in the past will NOT be renewed this year, but Donna will file paperwork for future in case the COA would like to reactivate.

Next meeting is Wednesday July 10th at 3pm.

Meeting adjourned 3:45pm