

COA BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2023

Attending: Gary Newton, Sandra Lemieux, Cindy Brennan, Elaine Hyland, Rosanne Carlo, Louise Currie, Roger Davenport, Kathy Bussolari

HOLBROOK

1. Meeting called to Order
2. Minutes (12/14/22) were unanimously approved/voted
3. Cindy Brennan reviewed the Budget:
 - a. We are operating at 50% of the 6-month Town budget.
 - b. Received the Formula Grant of \$33K. Special earmark grant of \$28,500 is reserved for a new smaller mini-van in addition to \$15K that was already earmarked for the van and was placed in the Capital Improvement account.
 - c. Our Donation account has \$4K.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chair Hip-Hop will resume on Friday January 13th at 10am (once a month).
2. Balancing classes will be held at the Library.
3. Possibility to bring Tech Students to a Social and teach basic skills.
4. A new stove for the kitchen is on hold for the time being.
5. The curtains will be laundered and re-hung in a scalloped design.
6. Suggestion for the Van to schedule alternating trips to Ocean State Job Lot vs. Kohls. Also, a trip to the Bargain Center in Holbrook (near the post office) and suggest to the business they offer a Senior Discount.
7. There will be a movie/pizza day or a themed luncheon offered once a month throughout the winter months.
8. In January 2023, Holbrook will be moving forward in our goal for Holbrook to become a Dementia Friendly Town.
9. During 2023, Cindy is attempting to arrange for Department Heads to visit the COA during the Social on Thursdays to introduce themselves and answer any questions Seniors may have.
10. January 23rd will be Pizza/Movie at Noon (sign-up required).
11. Senator Keenan will visit the COA on February 23rd from 1:00-2:30pm.

12. Sheriff's Dept. first Social will be in March and topic is "Falling". Also, available is a sign up for the "Are You OK" program where they call you every day to check on you. Cindy will inquire about the Yellow Dot Program.
13. Elaine briefed the Board on the status of the Feasibility Study of the former JFK Elementary School as a possible location for a new COA building. Habeeb & Associates are conducting a walkthrough on January 18th. The Town will seek State budget funding for the ongoing design and construction of a new COA. There are deadlines for submissions in filing the 2024 State Budget Amendments and Elaine will work with the TA office to address this.
14. Questions have been raised pertaining to allowing older students to assist our Seniors with snow removal, carrying groceries from the van, etc. Cindy has spoken with other COA Coordinators/Directors and it's best to have an agreement between the student/parents and the Senior. Perhaps the Honor Society could be involved. The COA would be the contact but cannot assume any liability nor does the Town.
15. Our monthly minutes can be available as a handout at the COA and Town Hall and perhaps included in the newsletter if it doesn't exceed the postage limit.
16. The Library is offering CRAFT classes.
17. Blood Pressure clinics are rescheduled to the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:30pm.
18. Advance notice for Van service to the Senior monthly Food Pantry is preferred and is for those who do not have transportation on the normal Saturday distribution.
19. Medical appointments need to be scheduled at least one week in advance.
20. There is a Dementia Friendly workshop on January 26th to explore the next steps for Holbrook.
21. Prior to the COA soliciting local businesses as newsletter Sponsors, we will need to review this with the TA Office, Select Board and Town Counsel.
22. Next meeting Wednesday February 8, 2023 at 3pm at the COA.
23. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted Elaine Hyland - Secretary