

COA Meeting Minutes
1 December 2016 9:30 AM

Present: Terry Allen, Betty Wilson, Judy Hobart, Thom Masterton, JR, Jennifer Glover and Sue Swartz

1. Approved Minutes for 20 October 2016 meeting.

2. Update on Walkability micro-grant

The town has applied for a micro-grant of up to \$1,500 for projects to increase walking and walkability in town.

The elementary school is in the process of planning a loop trail around the school with a meeting on 7 December to discuss plans and applying for a grant due by 1 February 2017 for up to \$100,000. Terry and Thom both will attend.

CPA money is available for recreation, also.

There are trails in neighboring towns and in Leverett some of which are walkable like the Fort River Trail in Hadley, one in Easthampton and one behind the Kittredge's in Leverett, but most in town are not level and ADA compliant.

3. Discussed open house with tables for informative groups

Jennifer does not think that enough people would come for this idea to work and she will not invite speakers when the only attendees will be the COA, as in the past. She suggests having an information table set up at the Transfer Station where lots of residents go.

We discussed having local officers like the police chief, road boss, and town emergency coordinator come to have lunch on Friday to meet the seniors socially and maybe give brief presentations. John Ingram's visit and talk was excellent and well received. Jennifer thinks the speaker who came to speak on emergency preparedness would be willing to come to lunch.

Terry will ask Lisa about posting the COA article in the Newsletter this month.

4. Update on Shutesbury's Aging in Place meetings

Thom said that things are moving slowly with Shutesbury's COA . They sent out a survey and are starting to have in-home interviews to see what people need to remain in their homes.

5. No one had any new business to discuss.

6. Next meeting will be on 2 February 2017 at 9:30 AM

7. Adjourned at 10:40 AM