

COA Meeting Minutes
4 May 2017 9:30 AM

1. Meeting opened at 9:35 am
2. Attendance
Present: Terry Allen, Judy Hobart, Thom Masterton, Dave Evans, Betty Wilson and Sue Swartz
Absent: JR
3. Approved Minutes for 2 February 2017 meeting – Dave moved, Judy seconded.
Approved Minutes for 20 April 2-17 Meeting – Judy moved, Thom seconded
4. Transit Authority membership
Wait for more information to be gathered – got 7 responses to JR's card survey
Terry would like to call other towns to see how they handle their transportation services
5. Future Events – on hold
Jennifer Glover was absent, so we could not address what she might do at the Transfer Station.
Residents who have travelled to interesting places could be invited to give a presentation at the senior lunch.
6. Other Business
Shutesbury Aging in Place
A grant was received through Lifepath from the Department of Housing and Community Development for \$15,000 to create and organize a non-profit group, Village Neighbors, which will cover Shutesbury, Wendell, Leverett, Pelham and New Salem. An executive committee was formed to sign for this grant with Lifepath who will be responsible for managing the grant.

This group would be made up of all volunteers in order to lessen the cost and would provide volunteer services like transportation anywhere, not just for medical appointments and assistance for small housekeeping tasks and vetting of contractors.

Betty moved and Dave seconded that Thom will draft a letter showing the support of the COA for the efforts of Aging in Place in forming this group. Dave moved that we authorize Terry as COA chairman to sign this letter for the COA. Thom seconded.

Margie McGinnis joined us to discuss the email concerning her application for a grant to get funds for the town to hire a consultant to do an ADA self-evaluation and transition plan for the town. This would be advisory and not bind the town to make changes that might be costly. Having the evaluation and transition plan would enable the town to apply for additional grants to fund things found by the evaluation that need to be done.
7. Next meeting – 21 September 2017
8. Thom moved we adjourn at 10:35 AM, Dave seconded.