MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF AGING MEETING via ZOOM

OCTOBER 27, 2020

Attendance: COA Members Bob Blair, Chairman, Kate Bliss, Wes Durant, Lori Fearebay, Karen Schultz, Pat Wheeler; COA Director Victoria Lynn; Guests were: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator

Chairman Bob Blair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. via ZOOM meeting due to COVID

1. Roll Call
2. Vote to accept COA meeting minutes for Sept 29th meeting - unanimous
3. Financial updates provided by Victoria

PT Wages $757.51, Victoria Wages $1281.12, Expenses $109.28, Donations $60 for yoga

Sharon received payment; PHN is pending; gas for van

1. COA Members welcomed Wes Durant as a new COA member
2. New COA applicant Rachel Boyer applied in Sept; COA voted unanimously to send a recommendation to Select Board
3. Van updates

-Loose rubber gasket above back wheel – auto body Tues; waiting for estimate and question if warranty to cover

-To be stored in old highway barn for winter

1. Yoga, Tai-chi

-Yoga is up and running in 1870 town hall

-Tai-chi resuming Thur 11/5 in 1870 town hall

-contracts monthly due to COVID

1. Durable Medical Equipment Updates

-Victoria did inventory

1. Information Session

-SHINE webinar Nov 4th for Berlin, Boylston, Clinton

-Edited Medicare Fraud to be cable accessible

1. Powder House News

-Need by Dec 16th

-Discussed have small historical piece; maybe interviews

-Info on Fuel Assistance – Victoria and Karen

-Other ideas = 1870 Town Hall, 19 Carter, Berlin Seniors want info published

1. Calling Seniors

-To resume calling seniors (had 30 volunteers last time; 22 currently)

-Discussion about how frequently should call; seniors can reject calls

1. Capital Budget

-Due Monday

-Victoria asked about surveying seniors to inquire about having a Senior Center (Funding for survey, R & D, parking); Victoria will fill out Capital request; ? add survey to PHN

1. Other

-Margaret is applying for COVID grants/funds; deadline in Dec 30th; would go into COVID-19 Account; must be used for services provided by the town

-Christmas Meal and/or Thanksgiving Meal

-Old Meeting Minutes; many never voted to be accepted (EOAE requires life time copies of minutes

-Another potential volunteer for a Support Group (cancer survivor) either 1:1 or round table

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24 4:00 P.M. – Berlin Seniors to be guest.