

COA Meeting, March 6, 2019

Attended by: Roberta Lynch, Bob Heald, Perry Conostas, Rich Ryder, Gwen Centore, Lisa Donovan, Kathy Powers, Bill Pardi, Nancy Gerstel: Guest - Marleen from Medfield Animal Shelter; Guests - Christian Donner & Mike Taylor from Friends of Medfield Rail Trail

Call to Order: 10:30 a.m. February Minutes Approved with Amendments

ROBERTA: Received donations in memory of Dave Foulsham and Lorraine.

Town suggested to Roberta that she cut her budget. Possibility is cutting Saturday program; however, attendance on previous Saturday was 55 people and Friday was 63; or maybe drop to two Saturdays a month. It was also suggested to ask FOSI for Saturday money.

It was voted to cut budget by \$7,000 from Saturday programs.

Had one letter of interest for COA Board position.

Voted and passed. Roberta will send recommendation to Town.

Will reschedule meeting regarding building garage for buses.

Club revenue for February was \$5920.

Tomorrow is reception for Bill Pardi from 2-4 pm.

Next Wednesday is St. Patrick's Dinner.

Had 3 applications for Bill's position, and will use volunteer drivers until position filled.

MARLEEN: Would like to institute a program due to unintentional animal abuse/neglect among seniors with no support system. Idea would be to enlist the assistance of Mt. Ida nursing students to help vet techs who would visit seniors' homes to assess animal and ability of senior to care for pet. She inquired as to possibility of using The Center to offer a free outreach program to seniors. It would involve screenings, not a full vet clinic.

Bill suggested that Tilden Village has both seniors and pets and a community center so maybe program could be held there.

The program would be for seniors only; we could put an insert in our monthly newsletters. Perhaps Meals-on-Wheels drivers could note if there is a pet where they deliver meals to. Suggested that Marleen could connect with Candace at Tilden Village about using Community Room for program.

Marleen was very receptive to Tilden Village location for clinic.

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CHRISTIAN: Was looking for COA to perhaps write a letter of support for crushed stone rail trail near Center. He discussed length of trails, towns participating and those not. MBTA owns abandoned corridor but will rent for \$1/year and be willing to work with towns. Needham finished their trail 2 years ago. Dover is still pursuing project and is proposing path that doesn't connect to other towns. Medfield is hoping for continuous route to Needham. Trail is off Ice House Road and parking could be put in for 12-16 cars. Kingsbury Club is talking about constructing trail around their area to connect to our area. Medfield Rail Trail has \$100,000 grant. They estimate \$400,000 cost with \$100,000 being soft costs. Grant application has been submitted but they could add amendment with letter of recommendation from COA. Start groundwork in Fall 2019, finish by 2020. Can see maps on line at Bay Colony Rail Trail Association, Link to study reports, also can go to Medfield Town website.

No vote was taken on COA offering letter of recommendation.

Motion to adjourn accepted at 11:45 am.



NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, APRIL 3, at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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