

Colrain Council on Aging Minutes

Monday August 28,2023. Colrain Town Office

Meeting was called to order at 2 PM by Chairperson Betty Johnson

Present : Richard Herzig, Kathy Phelps, Janice and Rusty Barnes, Valeda Peters, and Michelle Hillman.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Janice to accept the minutes as circulated, seconded by Kathy, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: None

Donations : Foot Clinic 7/25 \$87, 8/22 \$92 total \$179

Bills: Foot Clinic 7/25 \$940, 8/22 \$720

8/2 Betty Johnson \$19.99 replacement corn hole bags

8/2 Pine Hill \$53.75 Senior Social

8/4 Rusty \$199.47 Townline Creamy \$193.45 water for program \$\$5.98

8/17 Shelburne Falls Military Band Concert \$200

TOTAL \$2,133.21

Motion made by Richie to accept as read, seconded by Valeda, unanimously approved.

Foot Clinic 9/26 : Betty will open, Rusty will close.

Old Business: Corn hole has been well received. Going great with 8-9 in attendance.

The trips to Townline Creamy have been successful. They are over for the season.

Next social time at Pine Hill 9/6 consider bringing a friend/ neighbor. It is our last of the year.

Fraud Program was not well attended, but informative to those who came.

Band Concert had great weather. Parking could have more organization. The Fire Dept. did not do well with the volume of food sold. Their bill will be forthcoming.

Apple Day 9/11 with a rain date of 9/12

New Business: Triad Vendor show 9/12 is being promoted on Facebook. No reservations are needed, Tech

School students to serve lunch.

Digital Literacy Grant: More information coming out in September.

Space at CCS for COA use: Contact has been made with Principal Looman,

Superintendent Stanton, and School Committee Chair Thurber. There are issues that would need remediation.

Among them asbestos in the tile floor, too narrow doorways, no bathroom and an exterior ramp that may be too steep to meet current building codes. We will continue to pursue an upgrade in our space. Possibly applying for Community Block Grant funds and getting an idea of what improvements would cost without spending funds on a study.

New luncheon location: We need a place that would hold 45-50 individuals comfortably. Colrain Community Church has hosted our group in the past, many issues deem it unsatisfactory to return. A possibility exists that the Eagles would continue to provide monthly luncheons in the new year. Further information to come after they meet.

Other: The Council has been approached by an elder citizen who needs a ride to Springfield for eye surgery. Janice will be in touch with him to see if we can help to make a connection for a ride.

Motion made by Janice to adjourn at 2:59 and seconded by Valeda.

Next meeting September 25, 2023 2PM at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hillman

Acting Secretary