

**COUNCIL ON AGING (COA)**  
**917 MAIN STREET**  
**GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230**

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 MEETING**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Maureen Avery, Barbara Bailly, Susan Hipwell, Pat Kinne, Amy Rutstein, David Rutstein. Polly Salenovich, ex officio, joined us. Ed Abrahams and Jane Green joined us.

**ABSENT:** Eileen Gaarn

**WELCOME:** Meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. in the Computer Room at the Senior Center by David (Chair).

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were accepted by Barbara and seconded by Pat.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Maureen reported that in Gifts and Donations there is a balance of \$22,148.74.

**NEW MEMBER:** David made a motion to add Jeanne Holcomb to our board. Barbara accepted it and Pat seconded it. The vote was unanimous. Welcome, Jeanne!

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** While the COA did not meet in July and August, the Senior Center had two very busy months: cookouts, picnics, Tanglewood rehearsals, new classes, a Health Fair, trips, interesting programs, presentations, etc. Yearly, we receive money from the Formula Grant to fund programs for the seniors. Governor Baker has requested a cut of 2% from this grant and a 10% cut from the SIG grant, which funds our Outreach programs. Using the Formula Grant, we give \$15,000.00 to SBETC and the remainder for exercise classes. Polly has set up a booth at the monthly Food Bank Drive at CHP. She would like to meet there on the last Friday, monthly, with several COA volunteers.

**OKTOBERFEST PLANNING:** It will be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. There will be lots of ethnic foods and an Oompah Band. Big Elm Brewery is donating free beer samples and Domaney's is providing near beer and wine. Devonshire Estates will supply several desserts. It will be a free event.

**TRIPS:** Polly is looking for a volunteer to organize Senior Center trips.

**SENIOR CENTER LOGO:** We looked at several. We all liked the Adams Senior Center logo. It was simple but striking.

**BOARD/CITIZENS SPEAK:** Barbara suggested that our Senior Center events should be placed into local church bulletins. David mentioned that since we are members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Senior Center events should be listed there also.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Pat made a motion to adjourn at 2:00 P.M. It was seconded by Barbara.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amy Rutstein*

Secretary