

COA Meeting Minutes September 20,2022

- o Attendance: J. Zienowicz, I. Eskett, C. Haigh, SK Robinson
- o Meeting called to order 9:05 by I. Eskett. All in favor
- o J. Zienowicz motioned to accept the July 19, 2022 minutes C. Haigh Seconded, all in favor.
- o **New Business:**
- o We would like to welcome new board member SK Robinson to the Ware Council on Aging.
- o Age Friendly update:The Town of Ware is officially accepted in the AARP Age and Dementia friendly community. Next week the 9 Domains of Livability Volunteer Committees will start working on Action Plan projects.
- o Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is tonight 47 are expected to attend. The COA would like to thank the Friends Of The Ware Senior Center Inc. and the Country Bank volunteer servers, for all their help, we would not have been able to host this event without them.
- o Volunteer Coordinator update:So far the position has not been filled, job description is on Town of Ware website and Indeed.
- o Food program:

Meal cost \$ 1,488.65

Received \$1,495.50

Profit/loss \$ 5.85

Total served 499

Meals 1345.5

Donation 7.63

Coffee bar 38.26

Pitch coffee 22.51

Friends donation 384.98

Total received 1798.88

Total purchases 1974.73

Meals profit / loss (\$175.85)

Total served 499

Note 8/25_8\31 posted in Sept. deposits \$255.75

- o Van update:

We have merged with the Quaboag Connector, drivers are now being paid and work Monday through Friday. We received an \$8,000 SIG grant and \$43,650 grant from Mass DOT to contribute to operational costs as well as the existing \$7,500 Title IIIB grant from WestMass Eldercare.

- o Van Service Report:

COA:36

QC:457

total+60: 493

- o Social Services: Our Social Services Coordinator was on maternity leave in August, but Janine is back and doing a great job.

Would like to thank two guests that attended our COA meeting:

Dee Marshall

Vikki Patrakis

Meeting adjourned by I. Eskett

Seconded by C. Haigh

All in favor

Recorded by C. Haigh Secretary

Next meeting October 18, 2022 9:00AM