

COA Minutes February 22,2022

Attendance: J Cappe, J Zienowicz, C Haigh, I Eskett. Meeting called to order at 9:05 by J Cappe, J Zienowicz motioned to accept the January minutes. All in favor.

Guest Janine Leis, our Social Services Coordinator.

New Business: Review of the Age and Dementia Friendly Ware Community Assessment and Action Draft. The Draft will have some spelling errors corrected and will be presented to the selectmen for approval, by Becky Bask at the April Selectmen meeting. By the year 2030, almost a 1/3 of the town's population will be 60 and over. Our town needs to plan ahead to address these issues. The Town of Ware is applying to become a both a local and regional Age and Dementia Friendly Community this enables us to apply for more grant money, to improve our town, which will benefit everyone and allow Seniors to age in place. C Haigh motioned to vote on the draft, J Cappe seconded, all in favor to accept the Age and Dementia Friendly Ware Community Assessment and Action Draft.

C Haigh discussed the need for a Community Health Center in our area. The closest Community Health Center to us, is in Chicopee and Holyoke MA, which are 45 minutes away and have a waiting list for new patients. Community Health Centers Offer primary care, dental, vision, behavioral, and addiction services. They also have a pharmacy and fees, if any, are adjusted by your income and services are provided regardless of healthcare status.

Covid update: 65% are fully vaccinated in Ware, The Covid case numbers are going down. Our target date to open dining in is April. The mask mandate is still in effect, now with grab and go lunches served in parking lot. Meal prices may have to increase when we open the dining, room due to rising food costs.

Meal cost -\$1,259.24

Received -\$1,267.95

Profit/loss -\$8.71

Total served -718

Meals- \$1,159.20

Donation- \$0.00

Friends of Ware- \$322.83

Total received- \$1,482.03

Total purchases- \$1,365.54

Meals profit or loss- \$116.49

Total served- 718

Note 1/27,1/28,1/31

Alton and the kitchen staff doing a great job.

Van services: QV 359

Total+60=377 rides

Social Services: picking up for Janine, please make an appointment if you need to see her.

J Zienowicz motioned we dedicate the next meeting to work on the framework, for the vision plan, for the senior center. J Cappe seconded, all in favor.

We would like to thank Janine Leis, our Social Services Coordinator, for her input and attending our meeting.

Meeting adjourned by J Cappe at 10:40, seconded by J Zienowicz, all in favor.

Recorded by

C Haigh, Secretary

Next meeting March 15 2022 at 9:00am