

Columbia Commission on Aging

August 27, 2014

Minutes

Attended: Paula Cahalan, Edith Prague, Maureen Allen, Cathie Rowe and Marjorie Golden-Mossberg.

Minutes: Paula move to accept minutes as read. Maureen seconded the motion. Voted to accept.

Discussion:

Because Bernadette had a family emergency, several agenda items were tabled until the next meeting.

1. The Mission Statement was tabled until the next meeting.

2. We discussed the age demographics of our town. According to the voter registration information, the breakdown is as follows:

51-60 years old	968
61-70	657
71-80	344
81-90	142
91-110	25
Total	2136

It was decided that CONA will send birthday cards to the 91-110 age group.

3. Discussion about Care Giver Programs was tabled until the next meeting.

4. Discussion ensued about rental assistance programs in town. It was suggested that Bernadette include the qualifying information from the State in the Gem publication. We also tabled discussion of the circuit breaker program until Millie joins us. We also discussed the improbability of freezing taxes for seniors, especially after seeing the high numbers of seniors we have in town. The State also offers a program called "Are You Okay?" We need to find out more information about that program for our

town. Another discussion was about what the towns' responsibility is in matching people in need with volunteers to help them. We didn't come to any conclusion as to implementation of a program that would do that.

Margie Mossberg offered to call the director of Dial-a-ride to our meeting so that we can clarify their function/rules/procedures for their services.

5. We tabled the discussion about a possible van donation until our next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Rowe

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