

MINUTES

April 12, 2018

Council on Aging Grounds Committee

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

ATTENDANCE: Martine Anderson, Barry Bartlett, Gwen Frazier, Carol Hamilton, Bill Lyons, Sarah Sullivan and Barbara Van Houten.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9.33 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of May 22, 2017 were voted on. Gwen made the motion to approve the minutes, Barbara seconds. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION:

The "One Heart Many Hands" event with the High School Seniors is coming up on Friday, April 27, 2018. The event will start at 8:00 am and a tentative list of participants available to supervise the students was formulated. Refreshments will be ordered both for a light breakfast and lunch once we get an accurate count from the schools. A list was generated by COA Social Service Department for the individual homes that will be worked on as part of this project.

The Committee discussed the tasks that might be accomplished the day of the event. The raised garden bed area needs some work. There are weeds and twigs on the floor of the raised garden area. It was suggested that we have a committee member, staff member, or the "One Heart" volunteers spray vinegar onto the floor of the raised garden beds. Should we add compost and fertilizer to the bed or let the participants do it? It was decided that we will let the participants take care of the compost and fertilizer themselves. We expect that we will have many of the same people who participated in the raised gardens previously participate again this year. Other areas to focus on are mulching the beds, picking up twigs around the building and cleaning up and raking the back area nearest Webster St end. We need to order mulch from the DPW before the 27th. Mulch will be spread in the beds around the building. The COA will work with the DPW on this. We will need at least a couple of wheelbarrows for transporting mulch and other material along with tarps to move the leaves. We should ask the students to bring work gloves and rakes. Carol will also do a pre-emergence treatment on the patio through a professional company.

We need to have the water turned back on and have Chuck the custodian hook up a hose and put a barrel near the raised garden bed area. Sarah will supervise clean-up of her patio garden. The group walked the property to identify work areas for the "One Heart Day Clean-Up". They also talked about dressing up the property with hostas and hydrangeas but others mentioned the use of more grass so that there is less maintenance. The group then walked the property and shed area to prepare for the 27th of April.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for May 10th @ 10:00 am. .

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Hamilton, Director
Council on Aging