

**Council on Aging Board Meeting**

May 5, 2018

Director Carole Julius opened the meeting at 10:00AM. She informed the members that Chairperson Roberta Decoste has resigned from the board.

Members present were Margaret Merritt, Nancy Paino, Colleen Preston and Larry Weldon. Absent were Bernadette Hemingway and Judith Ward (who has resigned verbally). Carole will contact Bernadette to confirm her member-status.

Guests were town administrator Michael Milanoski, Madeline Joyce, Marianne Prescott, Nancy Ryan and Betty Sullivan.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

Open house on May 5th, was discussed. Attendance was low for several reasons. Madeline felt we should consider alternatives.

Administrator Michael reviewed why the town meeting article to add COA building onto the library was eliminated from the town meeting warrant. He asked for suggestions on how to move forward.

Some of the suggestions were: extended WIFI in the building, available computers for those needing access, a morning coffee time, recruiting volunteers for special activities, a fall craft fair, sprucing-up the building, evening programs, a rabies clinic, a yard sale and asking for suggestions from Elder Affairs Council.

Michael asked what is working well. Comments included: lunch programs, Meals-on wheels, Gatra trips, some special programs, Connie's craft programs, as well as special services (foot care, tax prep).

Some other issues addressed were the building sign (Carole will check on that again.), the money available to refurbish the COA building (Michael said that is being planned with the available money [approximately \$10,000], and Carole will check with Roberta regarding the plaque in Paula's memory.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All agreed. (11:10 AM)

Respectfully submitted,

*Carole Julius*