

## **Wareham COA Board of Directors Meeting June 2, 2022 Cran Cafe**

- Board members in attendance: Sharon F., Janet W., Jody S., Marie K., Lynn WB.,
- Guests: Sharon B., Gary, Lynn U., Missy D., Joe S. arrived at 10:45am
- Board Member (s) absent: Nancy Sawyer
- Carolyn Hynes has resigned and is no longer on the board
- Meeting called to order at 10:01 am motion made by Marie w/ second from Jody
- Motion to accept the meeting minutes from May made by Janet, second by Marie. All in favor, unanimous

### **-Announcements:**

- Jody mentions the Steering committee is working on a survey and still meeting weekly at 7pm on weds by zoom. Encourages public participation. She is hopeful the TA will put out RFP's and also start the move to Decas by 7/1/22. Jody discussed writing a letter to TA, BOS, FINN comm to express the Board supports relocation. The board agrees. Marie made a motion to allow Jody to draft a letter, to encourage the relocation. Second by Missy K. All in favor.
- Jody reminds Marie, Sharon and Janet of their terms needing to be renewed. They expire in June 2022. The three will contact the town clerk about renewal of term.

### **-Citizen participation:**

- Lynn Uberti is here. She is asking the board if she can "create" a position here at the Wareham COA. For now it would be an unpaid position, but would like to see if it could possibly become a grant funded/paid position by the end of the year. Other towns have something similar. She would like to be the Volunteer coordinator. Many folks say they want to volunteer and help the COA. Often, they either call and get no return call. Or they do speak to someone and their information gets lost. Having a volunteer coordinator, would direct all inquiries to the one main person who oversees everything volunteer related. The volunteer coordinator would keep logs of who can volunteer, for what and when. Making the process smoother, easier and more easily available for both the COA as well as the community. The volunteer coordinator would train all volunteers on working equipment, run CORI and help the volunteers fill out the necessary paperwork required. Lynn states she already has a desk area up near Sharons.

### **DISCUSSION....**

*Sharon F mentions*, "this would be strictly volunteer until we can find out if the town will pay for it." *Jody mentions*, "I think it is a great idea, I would encourage Lynn to begin researching and maybe applying for grants that may fit the criteria of this idea. Prior to asking the town to pay for the position. I am more than happy to help with the grant application." *Marie R mentions*, "It would certainly help with bingo and bringing in more so we could possibly have bingo twice a month."

- Gary would like to know if there is an article circulating around detailing the Pros and Cons of having a multi generational community center. He states, "Where I lived before in Randolph they tried to have something like this. The punks came in and were causing riff raff and the elders did not want to come to the center anymore." "I would be careful what you wish for." *Jody answers to him (as she is on the Steering Comm and Decay Foundation.)* "There is not one specific article circulating, but the Wareham Master Plan does mention a multigenerational building for young and old together. I'm sure that if you would like, I could ask the Decas foundation to put

together a specific Pros and Cons list for you. We do have many various reports and a great deal of research and interviews from Wareham community members and various other towns, all supporting the broader idea.”

**-Space Update:** Two window air conditioners have been put in the windows at the MSC. Painting of rooms and new flooring has been picked out. We need tables and chairs, but Missy D. is reluctant to purchase any, in hopes of the big Decas move. The coa is still wishing to move out of the MSC.

**-Jody would like to take a look at the Bylaws.** “We need to amend, delete, add and make changes where we deem necessary.” For instance there was no social media when the Bylaws were last reviewed/ammended so that will need to be added. “We also need to list indetail the seats on the board and amend or delete treasurer portion.” Jody suggests working on a little section each month until the entire board is comfortable with the revisions. Motion made by Marie to work on the COA bylaws, second by Missy K. All in favor.

**-Movie Day-** We would like to have box lunches with different local business owners in mind monthly. It is best to know the details the month prior, so it can be properly detailed in the Beacon. Muriel will need to know the specifics no later than the 15th of the month. Janet asks, “What week is the movie?” In which Sharon B replies, “2nd wed of every month.” Sharon B and Lynn will work together to plan Monday movies, lunch and movie.

**-Facebook and social media:** The board discussed since we will be amending bylaws, we will add a section pertaining to Facebook and social media. Discussion: Jody mentioned that she would like to oversee Facebook postings and updates, but does not have the time currently. Missy K, has some experience with this type of media relations per her job, so Jody motioned to have Missy K oversee facebook, including passwords and any specifics in regards to managing and maintaining the page. Marie second the motion. All in favor. Missy K., will post activities and updates effective the date of this meeting. \*\*to be detailed more once the Bylaws are amended to include Facebook and social media as a whole. It is vital that whomever oversees Social media and “public relations” is actively and physically involved in the COA.

**-June Luncheon:** Will be limited to 40. The plates and cups have been purchased by Marie and Sharon F. They are purple in color and coincide with the table cloths Cheryl will use. Janet will ask the garden club if they can make corsages, silk, purple, unisex with ribbon. The luncheon will honor those over age 85. Flyers have been printed by Staples. Missy D has contacted Jack Craig for entertainment. Sharon F will talk to the shirt shack about having Board shirts made. She hopes they will be ready in time for the luncheon. The advocates will have a raffle at the luncheon. The day of the luncheon, board members meet at 10:30 to help with prep.

**-Directors report:** Missy D will be involved in helping to hire the new Full time director. Position to be posted soon. She wants to hire someone who will be a strong advocate for relocating the COA to Decas. Linda Scharf is working with WCTV.

**-Motion to adjourn:** made by Janet, second by Lynn at 11:19am. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be July 7, 2022 at 10 am in the Cranberry Cafe.

*Minutes Taken and Transcribed by: Jody A. Santagate CLERK COA*