

**The Blandford Council on Aging Board Meeting
Monday, April 23, 2018 at 4:00 P.M COA Room**

MINUTES

MARGIT MISUSKI, JUDY MACKINNON, BARB LANGMORE, PAT DAVIAU, MARY MANGINI, HEIDI TABERMAN, LINDA BARNARD

1. START 4 PM
2. Transportation Needs Survey Meeting
 1. Introduction by Jean
 1. JEAN will be the MC
 2. JEAN will bring AGENDA/PROGRAM
 3. Promote there is money available now is the time to write grants
 2. Focus Group
 1. Facilitators: Don, Mary, Julie, Tom, Judy, & Margit
 2. Jean will provide the talking points so all will be on the same topic
 3. Surveys with contact information will be available at tables
 3. Set up Table Friday after COA breakfast
3. Minutes from March meeting (5 min.)
 1. Minutes provided, motion made by Pat to accept Minutes, seconded by Mary Minutes Approved
4. Treasurer's Report and budget (10 min.)
 1. Treasurer's Report read, motion made by Judy to accept seconded by Mary Report Approved
 2. Margit shared approximate totals pending town treasurer report
 1. \$2500 - State
 2. \$770 - Town
 3. \$4500 - Revolving
 3. Purchase Tablets to give access to internet to Seniors
5. New Business –
 1. Workshop Sturbridge Other new business
 2. Workshop were more related to rural settings
 1. Walking Hilltown (Williamsburg was the smallest town)
 2. You had me at hello - attract people into your COA
 3. Plainfield/Friends of the COA matching need with opportunity
 4. Changes to protective services limiting requirements
 1. Self neglect is the largest concern

2. walk through the evaluation before rejecting support
5. Data base collection to help with grants ~ not on line as yet
6. Rural transportation all have similar concerns
7. Good food & fantastic desserts

Old Business –

1. Consortium Update (10 min)

1. The original State incentive grant for FY18 was \$58,000

1. It was cut to \$29,100 in February

1. The Grant was sent to Russell COA who passed the information to Russell Select Board
2. The Russell BOS signed on the lowered amt. before discussing it with the Consortium

2. Historically each town paid \$250/year dues to the Consortium

3. Consortium paid out of the dues \$50/month to Russell for internet

2. Consortium requesting each town donate \$1000 until State Grants written

1. This would pay for the Store Front Office in Chester

2. Concern if all towns will remain

3. Will it just become two town - hold off until more information obtained

2. Focus Group update (10 min.)

3. Health Fair (20 min)

1. Renamed **Body Mind & Health**

2. Each member needs to make confirmation with the organizations they are responsible for

May Social Hour (10)

Tea sandwiches/Strawberry Rhubarb dessert

May Breakfast (10) May 25, 2018

Yogurt, toppings, & Muffins

Meeting adjourned - 5:49