

February COD Minutes - 2/20/18

In Attendance: Mike McCue, Rose Bissonnette, Marilyn Chambers, Daryl, Blaney, Lesley Allison. Two guests / volunteers from the community were also in attendance.

Absent: Lorry Doucet

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

1. January minutes were reviewed and accepted as amended with a single word correction. December minutes are still being corrected and will be sent out for final review this week.
2. Response / Town Census Mailing, COD Assistance: Mike reports that he has received approximately 80 responses so far to the questionnaire from the town mailing. About 15% of those responses were offers to volunteer / help the COD in some way. Two of the respondents are in attendance at the meeting this evening. Many of the respondents indicated some need for assistance in times of emergency. Mike will contact Mike Hanson and share these confidential responses with him to be added to the EMS / Fire Department database.
3. Town matters, Commissions or Committees, Business updates, Prescott Status: The Prescott Building is now open and was renovated very well with accessibility standards well met. There is a lack of signage at the old front entrance and at the south facing entrance indicated the location of the new front entrance which is causing confusion to some residents.
2018 Commission Planning / Initiatives: Mike explained the COD mission and goals to the community guests in attendance. 2018 Commission Planning / Initiatives were reviewed.
4. Miscellaneous:
 - A. "Aging in place" was discussed through a collaborative that is striving to design village style communities that cater to the needs of the aging or disabled.
 - B. The topic of dementia was raised with regard to disability: how to address the problem and how the COD may contribute. Rose and Mike suggest that the Lancaster COD should take the lead of the M.O.D. on this subject. This is a new area that is extremely challenging and a whole different issue unto itself.
 - C. Leominster COD invited the Lancaster COD members who attended the MOD training last year to attend a practice site inspection with Jeff Duggan on May 16th. At the present time we are unable due to member's schedule to decide who will be able to attend the practice session on May 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.