

Harvard Council on Aging  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 10, 2017  
Minutes

Present: Deb Thomson, Hank Fitek, Beth Williams, Fran Maiore, Sue Guswa  
COA Director Debbie Thompson, alternate Connie Larrabee, selectmen liaison  
Lucy Wallace

Absent: Katie Petrossi, Bruce Dolimount, Victoria Hayao

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Fiscal 2018 warrant articles for Annual Town Meeting:

The board discussed a number of potential small warrant article requests for Annual Town Meeting this year. A primary concern was the loss of workspace and storage space in the kitchen and former pantry as a result of recent renovations. Several board members also expressed frustration about the lengthy delay in connecting Hildreth House to the town public water supply. Other ideas included a request for money to scrape and paint the Hildreth House porch railings, electrical work for a new dishwasher, and other porch and gutter repairs.

Having identified the most pressing needs, the board voted unanimously to submit two proposed warrant articles:

- A request for up to \$5,000 to purchase four large moveable carts to provide flexible work and storage space in the Hildreth House kitchen and pantry
- A request for up to \$20,000 to complete the Hildreth House connection to town water.

In each case, the amount requested could be changed as more information becomes available.

Debbie will send the proposed articles to Town Administrator Tim Bragan.

Kitchen equipment:

A volunteer who helps with meals has suggested having a kitchen “shower” to get new kitchen equipment, including lightweight, microwave-compatible dishes . The board agreed it was a great idea, but it would have to be sponsored by the Friends of the Council on Aging.

The next regular meeting of the COA Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. This will be a joint meeting with the FCOA.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Larrabee, recorder.