

THE RICHMOND COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

June 20, 2019 – 12:30 PM – Richmond Town Hall, 1529 State Road

PRESENT: Mr. John Zick, Director West Stockbridge COA; Mr. Peter Cohen, Chair; Ms. Betsy Bemis; Ms. Patricia Malnati; Ms. Phyllis LeBeau, Director; Ms. Linda Mitchell; Ms. Joanna Stengle

ABSENT:

GUEST:

Details of the Annual Combined West Stockbridge and Richmond COA Picnic were discussed:

Food: Since there was an overabundance of food at last year's picnic, closer planning was considered for this year. Mr. John Zick will advise Ms. Phyllis LeBeau if West Stockbridge has had its annual Police, Fire and Parks & Recreation Picnic shortly before the scheduled August 23rd date of the COAs picnic. He will also alert her to whether that event resulted in available food that could be used on August 23rd and the amount of each item. That will inform the planning for purchase of any additional meats, rolls, condiments, etc.. Mr. Peter Cohen and Mr. John Zick will shop for the required additional items.

A discussion of whether there could be some way to control the additional foods (salads, side dishes, desserts) that attendees will be bringing resulted in a consensus to let people bring whatever they choose as it is being billed as a "covered dish" affair.

Entertainment: Ms. LeBeau had done some research to find an appropriate entertainment for the picnic and had found a group of people who do caricature drawings at similar events. Information regarding each of the three possible artists was distributed to the members and a consensus was reached that Mr. Donald Landgren seemed to be the best fit. Ms. LeBeau will contact Mr. Landgren and advise him that he has been chosen to perform at the picnic.

In a discussion of whether any additional entertainment was necessary, Mr. Cohen said he would research a magician who works in close proximity to his audience and Ms. Linda Mitchell will look into possibly setting up a pickle ball event.

The need for a designated parking space was raised and Mr. Peter Beckwith, Highway Superintendent, will be asked for his assistance.

Ms. LeBeau was asked to purchase 8 oz. paper cups for the picnic to avoid using plastic. The other paper and plastic items needed will be provided out of the Richmond COA stores. Mr. Peter Cohen will provide reusable linoleum tablecloths to avoid the use of plastic ones.

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded and adopted by unanimous consent.