

Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 3, 2012

PRESENT: A. Baranick, E. Bouldry , Maureen Dilg, J. Gavrilles, C. Groman, B. Hagan, J. Hemstreet, B. Murphy, L. Theodos

ABSENT: P. McChesney

STAFF: J. Claypoole

GUESTS: J. Stuart, COA Rep for Warrant Committee; J. Panek; Justine Kent-Uritam, A. Evans, MJ Law, C. Haddleton, J. Walsh

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM

- A motion to accept the February minutes was made by B. Murphy and seconded by J. Hemstreet. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by J. Gavrilles and seconded by L. Theodos. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Senior Center

- Cheney Engineering presented a map of the proposed Senior Center land with buildable area marked. He will request permission from the Board of Health to have the septic tank under pavement. Note: awaiting invoice for fee for services.
- M. Dilg reported the Needs Assessment Subcommittee met and prepared draft of vision and goals page for review. More information is needed, i.e. census results, other locations studied. Committee milestones/goals include setting up meetings with town boards, hosting a Senior Needs Luncheon to gather input from community regarding senior issues, including slide show presenting visually the need to build a Center and a presentation of van information. Also a meeting with Emmett Schmarsow of Dept of Elder Affairs is planned. J. Kent-Uritam suggested we contact each Senior by phone to discuss and promote the Center and gather feedback.

Van Update

- M. Dilg, J. Claypoole, J. Melican, and D. Ramsey will meet to discuss the Van.

Grants Update

- J. Claypoole reported that Yoga Grant from BayPath is running smoothly. Volunteer Coordinator position is under consideration as a contract position versus a town employee position. J. Claypoole is consulting with Assistant Town Administrator on this.
- Letters of Intent have been submitted to BayPath Elder Services for Fitness/Yoga and Volunteer Coordinator funding for FY2014.
- Foundation for MetroWest Art for Elders Program Grant has begun painting classes on Thursdays at 12:30pm at Holliston Senior Center.
- Formula Grant funds are designated for cut to \$6.25/elder by Governor. MCOA advocates restoring grant level to \$7/elder from current funding of \$6.50/elder. Phone calls have been made to voice concerns about cut.
- COA Directors for Sherborn, Holliston and J. Claypoole will meet at the Natick library to research grants.

New Business

- M. Dilg reported that Cheryl Abdullah has suggested book delivery to homebound Seniors. COA Director will talk with Library Director to start this program in new fiscal year.

Ongoing Business

Chairperson's Report: B. Hagan reported that she and J. Hemstreet attended a Legislative Breakfast last week at Natick Senior Center to inform legislators and staff of impact of Formula Grant funds at local COA level. Good information was shared. Representative Denise Garlick attended.

CMAC Report: J. Hemstreet reported The Committee will request \$20,000 at Town Meeting to renovate the former kiln room at the CCC.

Travel Committee: April 30 Art in Bloom at MFA; May 9th Tour of Fenway Park; June 28: Chamber Music Concert at Shalin Liu Center in Rockport.

Directors Report:

- During March approximately 100 Senior concerns related phone calls and 50 Health professionals related phone calls were received. Outreach Worker Carl Sheridan visits 60-70 seniors per month.
- Calls were made to Legislators to discuss concerns regarding impact of cut in Formula Grant funds to seniors.
- New Programs: Chi Gong at the Library in Community Room on Wednesdays 11:30–12:30. Donations accepted. Walking Group 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 am during April and May. Knitting Group is continuing every other Monday with new people continuing to attend.
- COA (M. Schmid and J. Claypoole) working to revise COA Website.
- COA reviewing programs, similar to recent one in Holliston, to educate and support Veterans.
- COA Director's office still has water leaking from the ceiling on to file cabinet and floor in doorway.

Board Member Issues

L. Theodos volunteered to pick up the bread at Blue Moon Café this week.

M. Dilg suggested we put information about Senior Circuit Breaker in our newsletter. Perhaps we could adjust the format and print it ourselves.

B. Murphy stated:

- Outdoor Bocce has started on Fridays in Dover at the American Legion (10:30AM) and Tea on the 4th Friday of the month.
- The Bird Walk is on Tuesday May 15th from 8:00 to 10:00am. There will be a talk and slide presentation by Elissa Landry, Sanctuary Director. Meet at the Town parking garage at 7:30am to car pool. This walk is paid for by the Friends.
- Joan and Dave Stapleton will talk about their trip on a mail boat along Finland's coast at October/ Halloween Tea.

Friends of COA Report

J. Panek reported the Friends web site will be up next week with info about the Friends, Dept of Elder Affairs and a link to blogs. Also Friends will have the Jazz Brunch in October. The Friends are planning a Town wide mailing in November.

Citizens Comments

J. Kent-Uritam, representing the Open Space Committee, suggested we prepare an email list of Seniors. She mentioned rails to trails for Dover and suggested we partner for walks.

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Hemstreet and seconded by B. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hemstreet
Acting Secretary