

## **Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 4, 2012**

PRESENT: A. Baranick, C. Groman, B. Hagan, M. Dilg, J. Hemstreet, B. Murphy, L. Theodos, G. Thisse

GUEST: James Stuart, Warrant Committee; J. Walsh, J. Anderson

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Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

- A motion to accept November 1, 2012 amended minutes was made by B. Murphy and seconded by L. Theodos. All in favor.
- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by J. Hemstreet and seconded by B. Murphy. All in favor.

### **Old Business**

- **Van for Seniors** – M. Dilg reported a letter was sent to the MWRTA by the Selectmen requesting membership. The MWRTA Advisor Board will meet in January to discuss our becoming a member.
- **Senior Center Update** – M. Dilg passed around the newspaper articles regarding the need for a senior center. C. Groman discussed the status of collecting senior's email addresses for the use by the COA. She also suggested to place a notice in the local newspaper's Community Calendar regarding calling seniors for their email addresses. J. Walsh reported there is no status regarding the Norfolk County Engineers surveying the Heard property. J. Stuart was asked about the COA's meeting with the Warrant Committee. He will speak to the Chair of the Warrant Committee and coordinate with the Selectmen. The Warrant Committee meets every week starting in January.
- **Senior Property Tax Work Off Program**  
L. Theodos reported the program has been completed.

### **New Business**

- **Salvation Army Bell Ringers** – N. Simms has asked the Dover Sherborn school teams to volunteer as bell ringers. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Fireside Room. Several Board members have signed up.

### **Ongoing Business**

- **Chairman's Report** –B. Hagan reported that she accepted J. Anderson's resignation with regret. J. Anderson offered to meet one time with other Board members to discuss how to strengthen the organization.
- **Travel Committee Report** –In the absence of J. Gavrilles, J. Hemstreet provided the Travel Committee Report. On Friday, there will be a trip to the Festival of Trees and lunch at the Sherborn Inn with the Sherborn COA. A suggestion was made to attend a concert at the Trinity Church and have lunch at the Boston Public Library.
- **CMAC Report** – Joe Devine has agreed to be the COA's CMAC representative. A motion to nominate J. Devine as the COA's CMAC representative was made by A. Baranick and seconded by B. Murphy. All in favor.

- **Director's Report** – In the absence of J. Claypoole, B. Hagan gave the Director's Report. The Police Brunch was a success with over 90 people in attendance. The American Legion Dinner is next Sunday, December 9. Eight seniors are needed to join an Intergenerational Card Making Class at the Chickering School on Wednesday, December 12. The budget will be discussed with the Selectmen at their Board meeting on Wednesday evening. The COA software request will go under the IT budget. The budget narrative was given to Board members to read. A request was made by M. Dilg to have this narrative to the Board members in time for adequate review. J. Anderson asked why the COA Director's hours cannot be increased from 35 to 40 hours. B. Hagan replied an increase in hours has to be agreed to by the Personnel Board.

Discussion took place on the previous Board meeting's motion regarding the Fireside Room being used as a lunchroom. B. Hagan reported that she met with D. Ramsay to discuss the Fireside Room being used as a lunchroom by Town Hall employees. D. Ramsay suggested using the COA's Blue Room for more activities. G. Thisse suggested posting a notice when the Fireside Room is being used for a COA activity during lunch hour. G. Thisse offered to meet with D. Ramsay. It was decided to table this matter for later discussion.

- **Board Member Items** – M. Dilg brought to the Board's attention The Massachusetts Home Loan Modification Program. This program provides low and no-interest loans up to \$30,000 for safety and accessibility modifications to help individuals age in place or manage a physical disability. She would like the information on this program inserted in the COA's newsletter.
- **Friends of the COA** – J. Hemstreet reported there was a Friends of the COA insert in the December newsletter.
- **Citizen Comment** – There were no citizen comments.

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Murphy at 11:42 a.m. and seconded by G. Thisse. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Dilg, Acting Secretary