

Dover Council on Aging Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 2, 2015

PRESENT: B. Hagan, J. Connolly, M. Dilg, C. Groman, C. Johnston, B. Murphy, L. Theodos, G. Thisse
STAFF: J. Claypoole
GUESTS: M. Schmid, Springdale Study Committee

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

- A motion to accept the amended May 5, 2015 Board Minutes was made by L. Theodos and seconded by B. Murphy. All in favor.
- The June 2, 2015 Treasurer's Report was distributed. The balance is \$10,141.32. A motion to accept the June 2, 2015 Treasurer's Report was made by L. Theodos and seconded by C. Johnston. All in favor. J. Claypoole reviewed the COA Revolving Fund - Activities/Transportation FY 2015 and FY15 Formula Grant reports.

Old Business

- COA Senior Bus – J. Claypoole reported seniors are requesting other specific uses for the bus. The town is sticking strictly to the present schedule and will not consider other uses at this time. A JFK Transportation Summary Fiscal Year 2015 report correlated by C. Jackman was distributed. During FY 2015, there were a total of 308 one way trips taken by 17 seniors. It was suggested to contact these seniors to find out why they are not using our bus. It was also suggested to design an ad campaign and run a recurring ad in the local paper. An example would be, “60+ Bus -- Do you know”
- Springdale Study Committee – J. Connolly stated the Springdale property can accommodate both seniors and open space. At present, the focus is on housing. A new approach is not to discuss cluster zoning but instead use the terminology, “friendly 40B”, whereby a town invites in a developer. M. Schmid stated a consensus is needed on either housing or a senior center -- a viable, long lasting suggestion that will pass at town meeting. J. Connolly’s charge to the Board was to look at the Master Plan questions relative to senior housing and find the appropriate language for questions for the Springdale Study Committee’s Survey. She would need these questions by Thursday’s meeting of the Springdale Study Committee. J. Claypoole suggested asking what form on public transportation should be available in Dover, if any. What is the barrier to seniors remaining in Dover?

New Business – There was no new business.

Ongoing Business

- Chairperson's Report – B. Hagan reported B. Murphy is resigning. It was with regret that she accepted her resignation.

- Director's Report - J. Claypoole reported on the following:

Staffing Update – The COA’s Outreach Worker has been released to work.

Programs – The new Yoga instructor will begin June 8. The fitness classes are expanding because of new people attending the classes. June is a very busy month and the calendar is full. The Volunteer luncheon is on June 9. The Brown Bag lunch will be held on the 5th Tuesday. The Chickering 4th graders will be putting on a concert tomorrow. The TRIAD Yellow Dot program will take place on June 18.

MCOA Meeting – J. Claypoole will be attending the MCOA Meeting on June 8 in Ayer, MA.

Rep. Denise Garlick – J. Claypoole met with Rep. Denise Garlick, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, the Executive Director of MCOA and regional COA Directors to discuss the growth of the senior population over the next 20 years which is anticipated to be 64%. By the year 2020, the senior population in MA will increase by 13%. Because of the changing population of 60+ in MA, COA’s will need to change their delivery of services to better meet the needs of the growing population and decide where the money will be coming from to meet these needs.

BI Needham – A request was made for a representative from BI Needham to give a presentation to the COA Board. Because the Board meeting time is limited, it was suggested that we be provided with handouts outlining their services and possibly have the Director and one Board member speak to the BI Needham representative.

- CMAC Report – There is a CMAC meeting tomorrow morning at which time M. Dilg will discuss the COA’s proposal for a picture display on the wall outside the COA room.
- BayPath Report – G. Thisse reported BayPath is changing the title of their programs from Healthy Aging to Healthy Living. They are currently looking for both board and committee members.
- Travel Committee – J. Claypoole discussed trips to the following locations: Heritage Gardens in June (Friends of the COA are sponsoring the bus), Tanglewood in August and Roseland Cottage in October. She also mentioned the possibility of an overnight trip to New York City in either late November or early December.
- Board Member Items – B. Murphy suggested that we need 4 chairs with arms for the lunch room for the seniors that have mobility issues. A publicity article should be written about the Boy Scouts who built the benches for the use of seniors at the CCC. Even though she has resigned from the Board, she will continue to lead the Afternoon Tea and Bocce program.

- Friends of the COA – M. Dilg reported the Friends had a busy month of May working at the Deposit Bottle Trailer at the Recycling Facility. They have begun advertising and outreach for our Up in Smoke BBQ which will take place on June 17.
- **Citizen Comments** – There were no citizen comments.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Murphy at 11:40 a.m. and seconded by C. Groman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Dilg
Secretary