

North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Oct 5, 2016

Meeting called to order by Chairman Snell at 6:43pm at the O'Leary Senior Center. Present: Mary Prenney, Director, Brian Snell, Chairman; Joe Veno, Frances Cheney, Maureen Donato, Rich Wallner.

Board welcomed Jennifer Collins to the meeting in hopes of becoming a future COA Member.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from Oct. 5th, 2016 Meeting

Motion to approve made by Joe Veno and Seconded by Frances Cheney----unanimous

Director's Report

See attached copy of Directors report for complete information

- Sorry but there will be No Newsletter this fall. Looking forward to our next Winter Newsletter from Kathleen Barr.
- Friends of COA and Garden Club may have lost some of their beautiful flowers/plants that dress up our Senior Center building this year due to the summer's drought. We won't know the severity of the damage till spring. We are hoping for the best, ofcourse. The Friends are also working with MVES on a Spring Health Fair having Nancy Miller a local poet...as a guest speaker.
- Community Impact Team would like to hire a qualified person as a Drug Consultant in the near future--more to follow. The CIT received a Federal Grant of \$125,000 for the next 5 years. Amy Luckewicz asked to come to our next meeting to explain the grant award. The team also will be sponsoring "In Plain Sight" on October 11th through 13th at the Town Hall—Rm 10 North St. N.R. This will be a very informative/educational event.

FY17—Mary Prenney, the Director, will have the budget ready sometime in early December.

- MVES—Mary Prenney was elected President of the Mystic Valley Elder Services at its 2016/2017 Annual Board Meeting. Congratulations to Mary on her new position and honor.
- New Position—Susan Tilton will be here working 15 hrs. a week. A former Outreach assistant from Middleton. She will be paid from the State Formula Grant.

- District Attorney Marian Ryan presented a well-received Program filmed by NORCAM on Senior Safety on Sept. 29th.
- There will be nothing specific on the Town Warrant for the Town Meeting...Oct. 17th, 2016.
- North Reading Senior Action Team (NRACT) –Rich Wallner is Getting a lot of good feedback from locals about our long-term goals. This program will also be made to include “Empty Nesters.”

Future Event.... Oct. 31st— Halloween Party and Town Scarecrow contest.

Promote the COA

Rich Wallner and Maureen Donato attended reading of The Proclamation for Older American's Month at the BOS. Rich spoke and gave synopsis of plans, for the future, by SAT for seniors and a Town Community Center.

Friends of the COA Update

No member from the NRRCOA was present.

Old Business:

Joe Veno-MVES Report

An upcoming comedy show on Jan.20th, 2017 at Anthony's in Malden will be raising money for Meals on Wheels, a program that has been doing very well.

At September's 2016/2017 Annual Board Meeting..... Mary Prenney was elected President of the Mystic Valley Elder Services. Congratulations to Mary on her new position and honor.

New Business:

Brian Snell-Rotary Club

The Reading Rotary Club will be making boxed lunches....one box for 4 (four) people but will need a commitment for 2000 people.

Resignation-Maureen Donato

Maureen Donato will be unable to continue as Secretary and will be resigning as of today.... Oct. 5, 2016. A motion was made by Mary Prenney to elect Frances Cheney and seconded by Maureen.... unanimous.

Adjourn: 8:05 PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Joe Veno and seconded by Frances Cheney----Unanimous

Next COA Meeting scheduled for November 16, 2016

Respectfully submitted:

Frances Cheney, COA Secretary