

North Reading Council on Aging  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday—June 20, 2018  
Third Meeting House, Building on the Common

Meeting called to order by Joe Veno at 6:30 P.M. at the Third Meeting House, O'Leary Senior Center.

**Present:**

Mary Prenney-Director, Joe Veno, Frances Cheney, Jennifer Collins, Rich Wallner, Kim Manzelli, Andrea Gladu,

**Absent:** Maureen Donato

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2018, Meeting**

Motion to approve made by Frances Cheney and Seconded by Rich Wallner----unanimous

**Director's Report**

*See attached copy of Directors report for complete information*

- **Newsletters**

The Summer Newsletter (Meeting House Echoes) will be coming out by the end of the month. A must read for all the new upcoming events.

- **Friends of the COA**

THE FRIENDS are going to replace the COA older piano with a new light weight Yamaha Digital Piano and bench....at a cost of \$1,700. Thank you!!! So much!!! They will also be working on the bathrooms décor once the bathrooms have been redone.

- **New Phones**

The town has received a new phone system and the Senior Center will be the first to have it installed and trained on. It is all internet/computer based and Sherri will be learning the capabilities and how the phone work before passing along the information.

- **Community Impact Team (CIT)**

The National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7, 2018 with a rain date August 14<sup>th</sup>. Bring back our neighborhoods. The CIT will also have an invitation only--Thank You--breakfast on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year there will be 2 Community Champion Awards given out.

- **DPW/Bathrooms**

In this year's fiscal budget the DPW has installed the new low toilets. Also there is a work order pending to paint the bathrooms along with re-grouting the tiles. In the next fiscal budget new sinks will be installed.

- **MVES**  
MVES raised \$130,000 at the annual Stoneham Theater event "Calendar Girls". All the proceeds from this time will be going to the GAP fund. The Federal Government still hasn't trickled down any money to the States to help with Elder Services.
- **NRACT—Rich Wallner**  
Rich is still working very hard on a 10 year Master Plan for the town with the C.P.C..... Concerns still on: Housing for the elderly, taxes and transportation. The increase on these needs will go from 24% to 40% in the near future. Rich is doing a cost evaluation on who is paying for what. We Very much need all our seniors to remain in town and give them a reason to stay.
- **FY 19 Budget**  
At the Town Meeting the requested budget by the TA and Select Board was APPROVED. The request for a full time outreach worker was denied but granted only 4 more hours to the worker.
- **Promote the C.O.A.**  
We are all activity seeking new members.
- **Future Events:**

<b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Dinner Theater Event</b>
<b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Annual BBQ</b>
<b>August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National Night Out</b>

**Old Business:**

Still need to work on having a Summit for Sept. Need to find old paperwork from last Summit—Rich/Mary to search for.

**New Business:**

None

**Adjourn: 7:30 PM**

Motion to adjourn made by Frances Cheney and seconded by Rich Wallnew----Unanimous

Next COA Meeting scheduled for TBD, 2018--@ 6:30

There will be no meetings in July and August unless needed.

Enjoy the summer and be safe. See you all again at the next meeting TBD

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Frances Cheney, COA Secretary**