

Council on Aging Minutes  
September 19, 2012

Chairman Snell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Senior Center in the presence of Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Broughton, Mrs. Donato, Mrs. Fritsch, and Mary Prenney, Director of Elder Services. Mr. Wallner arrived shortly after the meeting had been called to order, at approximately 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes of March 14, 2012

Motion by Mr. Broughton, seconded by Mr. Wallner Voted 6-0 unanimous.

Director's Report

Mrs. Prenney spoke of the following:

- Summer Newsletter, which is being written by Katharine Barr and two North Reading High School Juniors as a multi-generational project;
- MVES reappointment of Joe Veno and Michele Mawn (Motion by Mr. Broughton to recommend reappointment of Mr. Veno and Ms. Mawn, Seconded by Mrs. Peterson, Voted 6-0 unanimous);
- The new memorial garden at the Senior Center in memory of Barbara Thomas;
- Mrs. Prenney's request for additional defined parking spaces on the west side of the Senior Center; and
- The MCOA Conference.

With reference to the Director's Report, Mrs. Fritsch stated that she attended the MVES wine tasting event and that she had trouble hearing the speakers and there were not enough seats for the attendees. The group discussed constructive suggestions to provide to MVES for future events.

Full copies of the Director's Reports for June 20, 2012 and September 20, 2012 are attached and available at the Senior Center.

Promote the C.O.A.

Mr. Snell reported that he attended the September 2012 meeting of the Friends and that the group had a presence at the Apple Fair. There was some further discussion regarding the North Reading Tercentennial. Mrs. Donato and Mrs. Fritsch reported that they joined the Friends of the COA group for a trip to the State House. Mrs. Fritsch reported that she has been discussing the need for computer classes with many seniors. The Council will continue to promote the efforts of the COA.

Friends of the C.O.A. Update

An invitation was extended to attend the meeting to the Friends of the C.O.A., but there was no representative in attendance. An invitation will be extended again next month.

Resource Guide Project

The Group discussed the success of the Resource Guide Summit which occurred on May 23, 2012. Mr. Wallner reported that a subgroup has been formed, called "The Social Services

Action Team.” This sub-group meets every two or three weeks and are moving forward with creating a database and creating a website. Mr. Wallner and Mrs. Prenney discussed the services in town—that many were unaware of—which have been shared and discussed as a result of this project, including a clothing donation site run by Christian Community Services at the Martin’s Pond Church.

Resignation of Sarah Peterson (Secretary) from COA

Mrs. Peterson announced that she and her family will be moving out of North Reading and requested that the Council accept her resignation. The Council accepted the resignation of Sarah Peterson from the Council on Aging.

Election of Secretary

To fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Peterson’s resignation, a Motion was brought by Mr. Wallner to appoint Mrs. Donato as Secretary; seconded by Mr. Broughton, and Voted 6-0 unanimous.

Old Business

The Group briefly discussed its desire to hold a dinner for local senior to celebrate the renovations at the Senior Center.

New Business

There was no New Business discussed.

Next meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Wallner, seconded by Mrs. Broughton- Voted 6-0 unanimous.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sarah Peterson, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_