

North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM at the O'Leary Senior Center. Present were Mary Prenney, Brian Snell, Chairman, Joe Veno, Ed Broughton, Richard Wallner, and Maureen Donato.
Absent: Eleanor Fritsch

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting, September 24, 2014

Motion to approve made by Brian Snell and seconded by Ed Broughton, 5-0

Director's Report

See attached copy of Director's Report for complete information

- Mary Prenney attended MCOA Conference in Falmouth, MA, Oct. 7 – 10th.
- Newsletters were mailed 10/15/14 to 2064 Households as well as 59+ to out of towners. Coordination and publishing of Newsletters is being set up and finalized at the High School.
- Friends of COA Board will meet on Monday to discuss/finalize plans for the new appliances that they are purchasing for the Senior Center. Plans have been made for the front hall rug to be matched to the new flooring at the Senior Center. The COA plans to have the generous donations made by the NRFOCOA acknowledged at the next Selectman's Meeting.
- Mark Fransen, NRPD/NRFD will assist Mary Prenney with shopping/purchasing new Van for the COA and hope to have a Purchase Order in place soon.
- The Community Impact (SSAT team in conjunction with the COA and Amy's GLBTQ will show the documentary "Gen Silent" at 6:30PM on Nov. 5th at the Senior Center.
- NR Fire Safe Program and the COA are planning to present a Fire Safe Program with 2nd and 3rd graders at the Batchelder School in the Spring; funding is through grant money to Fire Safe Program.
- Flu Shots will be given at the Senior Center on Mondays while still available. NR BOH hopes to obtain Shingle Vaccine soon for administration.
- Plans for Transportation for Seniors are still being evaluated; a possibility exists that the NR Veterans Dept. will work on a grant with Town of Stoneham for next year to provide medical transportation.

Promote the COA

Richard Wallner continues to interface with the CIT and SSAT teams and NR Town Board members to focus on ideas for a future plan of establishing a NR Senior Connection Club to augment services provided by the NR COA.

Friends of the COA Update

No member from the NRFOCOA was present.

Old Business

Rich Wallner continues to interface with SSAT and CIT Boards to promote a Senior Initiative and an entity for seniors who want to remain active, want a better life, and want all encompassing services provided for them in NR. The focus of this entity would promote good health/wellness, socialization, use of their unique skills, and maintain their community connections as they age. Major discussion and ideas of current interested persons is funding and staffing of entity as well as obtaining an IRS 501-C3 status.

New Business

Discussion of nominations to COA Board is planned for December meeting. Ed Broughton informed Board that he has had 3 terms and will not be seeking another term. Discussion is also planned by the Board whether to consider approval of adding an Associate Member to the COA Board.

Adjourn-----7:46PM

Motion made to adjourn by Joe Veno and Seconded by Ed Broughton. 5-0

Next COA Board meeting scheduled for November 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen L Donato, COA Secretary _____