

North Reading Council on Aging
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Third Meeting House, Building on the Common

Meeting called to order by Maureen Donato, Secretary, at 7:07 PM at the O'Leary Center.
Present: Director, Mary Prenney, Joe Veno, Eleanor Fritsch, Frances Cheney and Maureen Donato.
Absent: Chair, Brian Snell and V. Chair, Richard Wallner.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2015 Meeting.

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

Director's Report

See attached copy of Director's Report for complete information.

- The *Newsletter* has been mailed. A High School Computer Teacher has filled in for Katherine Barr.
- Friend's of the COA are considering hosting a Health Fair in the Spring; they are looking for a place to hold the Fair.
- New Van is ready for pick up. It may be ready in 2 weeks; paperwork for title, insurance/registration is pending. Van holds 8 persons and has wheelchair lift.
- FY 16 COA Budget. New copier/fax/scanner has arrived and training for personnel is pending next week.
- CIT is in the process of setting up/showing of the film "If Only" produced by James Wallberg; plan is to show this film to Department Heads, Boards and Action Committees in North Reading.
- MVES has completed the merger with Chelsea/Winthrop/Revere: there will not be any service changes to North Reading elders.
- Elder Fire Safety Program is offering free and installed smoke/carbon monoxide detectors to residents 60 years and older: this is an ongoing program with NR Fire Department and American Red Cross.
- The Shopping Program continues to be in place; however, there have not been any calls/requests. The Program will continue; it is anticipated that calls/requests will be forthcoming from seniors needing this service when the weather cools.
- North Reading Senior Action Team (NRSAT) is making huge progress looking at plans for a new Multigenerational Center. The Chair is Rich Wallner.
- Silver Alert Program will work with Officer, Derek Howe. The NRPD will publicize this program.

Promote the COA

Director, Mary Prenney, participated/attended the MCOA Seminar.