

North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 25, 2017
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, Maureen Donato, and Jennifer Collins and Rich Wallner

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2016, Meeting

Motion to approve made by Maureen Donato and Seconded by Frances Cheney----unanimous

Director's Report

See attached copy of Directors report for complete information

- **Newsletters**
Susan Tilton is finalizing the newsletter to be sent out.
- **Friends of the COA**
The Friends along with the town are working together to update the Bathrooms at the Senior Center.
- **Community Impact Team (CIT)**
The CIT had a very successful round table discussion with the local churches and Detective Hatch on "Addiction and Healing" at St. Theresa's Church.
- **MVES**
Our MOW Driver took part in a "Retire the Fire" program and passed out questionnaires which asked if clients had smoke/carbon monoxide detectors or if they needed ones or an update on older ones. They also were asked if they needed help in testing them. The NRPFD offered to install, check and answer any questions at no charge. In 2015 this program was responsible for SAVING 2 North Reading Residents!!!
- **NRACT—Rich Wallner**
With the sale of the land on Rte. 62 the town will be able to review some new ideas for future of the town. There were many suggestions on how to use the monies but a good look at a Master Plan will be needed first.

- **MVRTA**

A new pilot program has been passed, with the help of Brad Jones, to provide rides to "Medical appointments only" for Town residents who are 60 years of age or older or disabled veterans. This program will start on Tuesday, October 31st. Please feel free to pick up a MVRTA brochure at the Senior Center and read how to schedule rides and for more important information.

- **Personnel Note**

Sherri Greer-has been upgraded to Administrative Assistant since August and has proven to be an incredible asset to all. Welcome....!

- **East side Rain Garden**

Four new bricks where added to the garden in memory of: Ed Broughton, Edie O'Leary, Mechele Cronin and 2016 NRHS graduate Claire Picciucto (101 years young)

- **2016/2017 Activity Sheet**

Reviewed Monthly Statistics

- **Future Events:**

Oct. 25...Retire the Fire...NRFD

Oct. 31...Halloween Party

Nov. 9...Veterans Luncheon

Nov.11...Movie--"For Home and Country"

Nov. 19...Thanksgiving Dinner@ the Hillview Country Club

Dec. 12...Christmas Party

Promote the C.O.A

No new activity

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Adjourn: 7:15 PM

Motion to adjourn made by Maureen Donato and seconded by Fran Cheney----Unanimous

Next COA Meeting scheduled for Jan. 17th, 2018

No Quorum for January's meeting

Next COA Meeting scheduled for Feb. 21st, 2018

Respectfully submitted:

Frances Cheney, COA Secretary