

***North Reading Council on Aging***  
***Wednesday, November 18, 2015***  
***Third Meeting House, Building on the Common***

Meeting called to order by Chair, Brian Snell, at 7:47 PM at the O'Leary Center.

Present: Director, Mary Prenney, Joe Veno, Frances Cheney, Brian Snell, Richard Wallner and Maureen Donato.

Absent: Eleanor Fritsch

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes from October 21, 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 Winter *Newsletter* hopefully will be produced on schedule. Katherine Barr continues to be plagued by health issues.
- Friend's of the COA will be buying plants to be given to MOW clients for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- New Van has arrived; it is waiting installation of 2-way radio and going back to the shop for some changes. COA now has access to two vans when needed.
- FY 17 COA Budget is due December 7th. Funding for level services will be requested.
- CIT is in the process producing with NORCAM a film with a local addict with plans to show it to various Committees in the North Reading community.
- MVES is setting up a new program which includes a Case Worker to be assigned to seniors who require intensive care/services due to mental health/ challenging family issues, and who often have difficulty accepting support and services.
- Elder Fire Safety Program has request for 12 home visits for installation of smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. This program is through NR Fire Department and American Red Cross.
- Christian Community Services and the Horseshoe Restaurant plans to deliver 23 Turkey Dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas to elders in need.
- North Reading Senior Action Team (NRSAT) is making huge progress. The Chair is Rich Wallner; he will give an informational presentation on the plans/goals of NRSAT at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors at the Hillview CC.

**Promote the COA**

Richard Wallner, V. Chair, of COA and Chair of NRSAT continues ongoing work/presentations with groups from CIT and SAT on plans and resources needed to create a Multigenerational Center in North Reading.