

North Reading Council on Aging

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Third Meeting House, Building on the Common

Meeting called to order by Chair, Brian Snell at 7:30 at the O'Leary Center

**Present:** Director, Mary Prenney, Joe Veno, Frances Cheney, Brian Snell and Richard Wallner

**Absent:** Eleanor Fritsch and Maureen Donato

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2015

Motion to approve made by Brian Snell and second by Fran Cheney—unanimous

**Director's Report:** See copy of Director's Report for complete information.

- Newsletters mailer still on going. High School students are working with Katherine Barr to have mailings going out in the next few weeks.
- The Friends are in contact with Hallmark Health to have a health fair this fall
- The New Van is in need of a new 2-way radio. A request has been submitted to the FY17 budget.
- The Community Impact Team will be sponsoring an Open House (for parents only) on Drug Addiction---**Hidden in Plain Sight.** (See Flyer)
- The Board of Selectmen will meet in February to re-organize and review job descriptions.
- MVES have had great success with their new **Intensive Care Worker Program.** Added services enable seniors—meals on wheels every day and added assistance to seniors in need.
- NRSAT now has a formal action plan for the town. Rich informed us that the staffing will be done with seniors.
- Future Events: Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> --New Year's Eve Party-- Feb. 11th -Valentine's Day Party--March 17<sup>th</sup> --St. Patrick's Day

**Friends of the COA update:**

No members from the NRFCOA were present.

**Old Business:**

- We still are looking for new members for the COA. Articles will be in our next Winter Newsletter and in the Transcript encouraging/asking people to get involved.

- Attending Members went over the draft of “North Reading Council on Aging” ---Policies and Procedures and accepted them as is with noted changes to the “Time and Place” of the meetings. Motion to accept by Richard Wallner and seconded by Joe Veno. The corrected Document will be signed at our next meeting.
- Memorial Brick for Ed will be happening in the Spring

**New Business:**

- 15th Annual Wine and Food Social to be held at the Hillview Country Club on April 1st, 2016. Proceeds to go to the North Reading Community Center.
- **Election of Officers:**  
Chair—Brian Snell -- Seconded Richard Wallnew  
Vice Chair—Richard Wallnew—Seconded—Brian Snell  
Secretary—Maureen Donato—Seconded Brian Snell  
All unanimous.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:20 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Veno and seconded by Brian Snell

Next COA Board meeting scheduled February 17, 2016 at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted:

Frances Mary Cheney **Acting** COA Secretary