

Council on Aging Minutes  
February 15, 2012

Co-Chairman Broughton called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Senior Center in the presence of Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Veno, Mr. Wallner, and Mary Prenney, Director of Elder Services. Also in attendance was North Reading resident Judy Santos, as liaison from the Friends of the Council on Aging.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes of January 18, 2012

Motion by Mr. Veno, seconded by Mrs. Peterson Voted 4-0 unanimous

Director's Report

Mrs. Prenney spoke of the Newsletter, Emergency Management, Staff updates, MVES' increase in suggested donation for home delivered and congregate meals, FY2013 Budget, 2011 Annual Report, and a new Support Group called "Girl Talk." A full copy of the Director's Report is attached and available at the Senior Center.

Promote the C.O.A.

The Council will continue to promote the efforts of the COA.

Friends of the C.O.A. Update

Judy Santos from the Friends of the COA was in attendance to report on the work of the Friends. Mrs. Santos reported that the annual town-wide yard sale will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 28, 2012. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the COA. The Friends are continuing their work on a project for the town's Tercentennial celebration, and a rain garden in memory of Barbara Thomas. An invitation will be extended again next month.

Election of Officers

Motion by Mr. Veno to table the election of Officers until next month's meeting on March 21, 2012, Seconded by Mrs. Peterson, Voted 4-0 unanimous.

Resource Guide

Mr. Wallner provided a revised draft invitation letter for Mrs. Prenney to distribute to invitees. There was discussion regarding proposed invitees, including representatives from Veteran's groups, police, fire, school department, and faith-based communities. The letter and list of invitees will be formalized by the Board next month.

Old Business

Mrs. Prenney reported that she will continue to work on the transportation needs of North Reading's seniors by contacting the Regional Transit Authorities.

New Business

Next meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Veno, seconded by Mrs. Peterson- Voted 4-0 unanimous.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sarah Peterson, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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The Council will continue its efforts to obtain public transportation in North Reading.

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