

NORTH READING COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2013-MEETING

Meeting called to order 7:05pm at the O'Leary Senior Center. Present were Mary Prenney, Brian Snell, Ed Broughton, Joe Veno and Rich Wallner.

Absent: Eleanor Fritsch and Maureen Donato

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2013

Motion made by Ed Broughton, Seconded by Joe Veno. Approved 4-0 unanimous

Director's Report

- The Director Reported that the Winter Newsletter's mailing cost an extra \$520 due to the Post Office's change as of January 1, 2013 in formatting the newsletter
- The Director thanked the Meals on Wheels Driver on behalf of the COA Board for delivering meals in the extreme bad weather
- The West Side Parking meeting with the Historical Commission is scheduled for February 25, 2013
- Tax Aid Committee will be working on screening applications as of March 1, 2013
- FY14 Operating and Capital Budget will be reviewed the beginning of March and voted on a Town Meeting in June
- The Senior Van is being utilized for out of town medical transports and day trips
- The Director acknowledged the gift of new counter tops, sink and faucet from the "Friends" of the COA
- Reminded all Board Members of their responsibility to take the Conflict of Interest exam and forward acknowledgements of the exam to the Town Clerk's Office
- The Director shared copies of both the Elder Affair's Department and the COA Board's 2012 Annual Reports

Promote the COA

Joe Veno stated that he attended the recent Valentine's Day Social and volunteered to help greet participants at the front desk and helped serve dinners.

Friends of the COA Update

No one from the "Friends" was present at the meeting

Old Business

Mary Prenney and Rich Wallner discussed the progress being made from the SSAT Committee in the publishing of the Social Service Resource Guide.

Discussion regarding Seniors' needs

The Board discussed best ways of promoting the "social inter-actions" of North Reading Seniors. Board members agreed to identify local businesses, living facilities, health facilities, churches, etc. that would benefit from working with the COA to promote this betterment. The Board discussed a possible summit with these various groups and other boarding Town COA's to discuss the issue.

New Business

Not discussed

Adjourn – 8:10PM

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Veno seconded by Rich Wallner approved unanimous

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 20, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Prenney, Director
