

North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman Snell at 7:12pm at the O'Leary Senior Center. Present were Mary Prenney, Director, Brian Snell, Eleanor Fritsch, Rich Wallner, Joe Veno, Guests-Ed Broughton, Lisa Ferrari. Absent: Maureen Donato

Note: No meetings held December 2014, January 2015, February 2015

Board welcomed and introduced themselves to Guest Lisa Ferrari who filled out a Citizens Activity Record with the Town Administrator Gillerberto

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes November 19, 2015

Motion to approve made by Joe Veno, seconded by Rich Wallner – Unanimous

Director's Report

See Attached copy of Director's Report for complete information

- Spring Newsletters are in the process of editing and printed.
- Friends of the COA holding annual Town-Wide Yard sale Saturday, April 25
- New Van approved at July 2014 is still in the process of being evaluated for purchase
- CIT/SSAT is holding their annual breakfast on March 23. The SSAT is in the process of setting dates to host a presentation with Learn 2 Cope and the Middlesex DA's office
- FY16 Operating budget is being presented Monday, March 23. There have been no significant changes from FY16

Promote the COA

Joe Veno attended a few luncheons

Friends of the COA Update

No member from the NRFCOA was present

Old Business

The Review of the (un-voted) revised December 2014 Policies and Procedures were discussed. There was much discussion on how many Board members should be on the Board and who should make that decision. Joe Veno volunteered to speak to the Town Clerk and Town Administrator to get a clear answer. The Board decided since they could not proceed until they had that and answer clarified they could not proceed in voting on any other changes to the Policy and Procedures last revised in 2011.

Rich Wallner gave an update of the newly organized North Reading Senior Action Team... a committee that is presently working under the umbrella of the Social Service Action Team. The eight sub-committee are Project 500, \$ Resources, Community Center, Life Long Learning Housing Plan, Marketing, Inter-generational Recreation, and Transportation. Rich also spoke of the Summit-Building Age-Friendly Communities (presented by Tufts Health Plan, Foundation) in which him and Mary attended along with 500 other attendees.

New Business

Joe Veno spoke about starting a daily phone program to Seniors who live alone who wish a "friendly" phone call daily to check on their well-being. Joe agreed to look into a such a program and bring it back to the next meeting for discussion.

Brian Snell asked if North Reading had safety Police & Fire Officials who specifically worked with the Elderly as they do in Andover. Mary Prenney mentioned the liaisons in both respective departments and Mary would speak to both Department Chiefs about a more hands-on relationship with such departments.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm- Motion made by Joe Veno, Seconded by Rich Wallner-Unanimous.

Next COA Board Meeting schedule for April 18, 2015

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Prenney, Director _____