

## *Council of Aging Minutes*

*April 18, 2012*

Chairman Snell called the meeting to order at 7:40pm at the Senior Center. A quorum was reached after the arrival of Richard Wallner. Present were Mary Prenney, Director of Elder Services, Eleanor Fritsch, Maureen Donato, Chairman Snell and Mr. Wallner. Missing members were Mr. Broughton and Mr. Veno Mrs. Peterson.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approve Minutes of March 14, 2012

Motion by Maureen Donato and seconded by Eleanor Fritsch.

### Friends of the COA Update

No representative was present from the Friends of COA. An invitation will be extended again next month.

### Director's Report

Mrs. Prenney reported the Newsletter will be an Intergenerational Project done by a High School student. Cathleen Barr will continue to be the Newsletter Editor. MVES donation for HDM's will remain at \$2. MVES will send a Donation Reminder to their clients; a raise for Congregate Meals at COA sites seems to be successful also. Price is presently \$2. Town Meeting will be 6/04/12. Support Group "Girl Talk" was held at the Congregational Church; this was successful and the plan is for this group to continue twice a week in May 2012. A Health Fair is planned for 4/19/12 at Maconomet; transportation will be provided as well as free breakfast and lunch. The O'Leary Center will sponsor a Breakfast and Trip Down Memory Lane---"Remembering Ryer's----100 years on May 11, 2012.

Mrs. Prenney also reported that the Obama administration has put money back into the budget for "202" Supportive Housing Projects." The road to the proposed Chestnut Street is completed; the hope was to re-apply for the housing grant when the date is announced.

She also reported that the need for transportation for North Reading Seniors will remain on everyone's agenda. A copy of the Director's Report is attached and available at the Senior Center.

### Old Business

The Group further discussed the possible Resource Guide Project. Invitational Letters with RSVP request are scheduled to go to various Department Heads and other social service members of the community on 4/23/12 regarding attendance to Social Summit Breakfast Meeting scheduled at the Town Library on 5/23/12 at 8:30am. A copy of the letter, agenda, list of Partnerships and Department Heads, Mission Statement and probable inclusions for the Community Resource Guide were distributed to the Group.

New Business

Next meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday, May 16, 2012. Meetings will remain scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.

Adjourn 7:54 pm Motion made by Rich Wallner seconded by Maureen Donato

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

Maureen Donato, Covering  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_