

North Reading Council on Aging
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Third Meeting House, Building on the Common

Meeting called to order by Chair, Brian Snell, at 7:10 pm at the O'Leary Center.

Present: Director Mary Prenney, Joe Veno, Brian Snell, Francis Cheney, Richard Wallner and Maureen Donato

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from prior meeting---March 16, 2016

Motion to approve made by Joe Veno and seconded by Fran Cheney-----unanimous

Amendment made to Minutes to omit name of Eleanor Fritsch.

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

- Newsletters were mailed on Tuesday, April 19th.
- Friends of the COA have scheduled "The Town Sale" for April 30th. They report that over 70 participants have signed on. The Friend's plan to make a donation to the Parks and Recreation towards funds needed for the design of a new Multigenerational Center. The recent Wine Tasting event held at the Hillview on April 1st was also successful raising funds for this venture.
- The Community Impact Team (CIT) and NRFCOA plan to host a "Virtual Dementia Tour" at the Senior Center; date is pending.
- FY 17 Budget presented to the BOS went well and will be voted on at Town Meeting on April 4th. Level service funding is expected.
- MVES is planning a fundraiser in the Fall called "North Reading Night." MVES Board members plan to meet April 26th to discuss future planning.
- Another Veteran's Coffee Hour will be hosted at the Senior Center on May 13th. Plans are being made to have an Officer from the NRPD attend.
- The NRSAT under the organization of the CIT is making progress. An insert was included in the Spring Newsletter written by Rich Wallner describing the goals of the NRSAT; it hopes to encourage those interested to join their effort. A survey was also included.
- Volunteer's Breakfast is being planned for June; date undetermined.

Friends of the COA update:

No members from the NRFCOA were present.

Old Business

- COA Board continues to seek new members to join the Board; those interested are encouraged to submit their application at Town Hall. The notification/request for new members to join the COA Board has been placed in the North Reading Transcript and Newsletter.
- The newly updated/revised "Policy and Procedure" document has been completed, signed, and distributed to Board Members.
- Jon Burt will install the Memorial Brick for Ed Broughton into the garden at the Senior Center soon.
- Joe Veno and Mary Prenney along with a representative from MVES plan to have a conference call in the near future with **Uber** regarding the possibility of utilizing their transportation/ride services for elders in need.

New Business

- The MVES update on Services/Reports/Statistics will be added monthly to the COA Board Agenda.
- Elder Affairs will be conducting COA Board Trainings with April/May dates. Those interested and new members are encouraged to attend.
- Richard Wallner updated the Board on NRSAT and CIT progress of ideas/plans for the projected future "Multigenerational Center." A survey form has been placed in the **"Newsletter;"** volunteers/interested parties were requested to return the survey by April 13th. Mr. Wallner has written a position paper on the NRSAT project and will present it to the NR BOS on April 28th.
- COA Board members discussed ideas/ways that Board members could advocate and communicate to North Reading residents the multiple advantages of building an "Intergenerational Center." This would greatly enhance **all** North Reading residents and all seniors age 60 and beyond to maintain connections to their community. *See copy of insert made by the CIT for complete info: an insert was included in the Newsletter.*

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Veno and seconded by Frances Cheney at 8:17 PM---unanimous.

Next Meeting scheduled for May 18th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen L. Donato, COA Secretary _____