

North Reading Council on Aging Meeting Note

Wednesday – April 24, 2019

Third Meeting House, Building on the Common

1. 7:00 PM – meeting called to order – Member's Present – Andrea Gladu, Richard Wallner, Joe Veno, Kristine Pecora, Kimberly Manzelli, Mary Prenney and guest, Katherine McCabe
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Pending review and approval of Minutes of March 27, 2019
4. Director's Report –
MVES is offering various programs to town's seniors including A Matter of Balance, 1:1 Nutrition Counseling and Chronic Disease Self-Management (6 week program). All programs are very well attended and enjoyed. Their annual fundraiser for services will be on May 18 at the Stoneham Theatre – "Million Dollar Quartet."

The town has received funding of the EOE formula grant totaling \$32,568. Sherri will be attending a "new" director's formula grant training in June.

The BOS voted to approve the requested increase in hours to Sue Tilton which bring her up to 24 hours a week.

The Congregational Church will be donating their annex building to the North Reading Food Pantry in honor of their 300th birthday. They are planning extensive renovations, which Mary shared a building plan, and are asking the community to donate \$220,000 to make it possible. The goal for opening the new food pantry is June 2020. This is a very well utilized resource in the town.

5. Friends of the Council on Aging
Their annual fundraiser, Town Wide Yardsale is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. There are 63 homes listed on the participating map.
6. There will be several Council on Aging Board member openings. Current member's will provide outreach to friends/family that they feel will be a good fit and active participant on the Board as there is much work to be done. Rich will be resigning his position once he is elected to the BOS. Interested applicants should apply to the Town Administrator.
7. Kim and Rich continue to remain active participants on the NRACT and SSAT along with other volunteer positions in the town. Your participation is appreciated and valued ! The SSAT will be working with the Council on Aging for the Age Friendly Community designation.

