

North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday--May 16, 2018
Third Meeting House, Building on the Common

Meeting called to order by Joe Veno at 6:30 P.M. at the Third Meeting House, O'Leary Senior Center.

Present:

Mary Prenney-Director, Joe Veno, Frances Cheney, Maureen Donato, Jennifer Collins, Rich Wallner.
Kim Manzelli, Andrea Gladu,

Associate Members: Lou Greenstein, Kristine Pecora

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2018, Meeting

Motion to approve made by Maureen Donato and Seconded by Frances Cheney----unanimous

Director's Report

See attached copy of Directors report for complete information

- **Newsletters**

Susan Tilton finished the newsletter (MEETING HOUSE ECHOES) with many new items added...a MUST read. Good Job Susan.

- **Friends of the COA**

The Friends had a very successful TOWN WIDE YARD SALE with a profit of \$2018. The weather was very co-operative which made it a great time for all the Yard Sellers. Thanks to all involved for such a wonderful successful sale.

- **Community Impact Team (CIT)**

The National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7, 2018 with a rain date August 14th.
Let's bring back our neighborhood.

- **MVES**

The State Budget is now in the Senate: MVES is working with the Senate for an increase in amendment #458 (Protective Services) and amendment #560 (Workforce)--more information to follow. Stoneham Theater's "Calendar Girl's" being held on June 9th is MVES only fundraising event. All the proceeds from this time will be going to the GAP fund.

- **NRACT—Rich Wallner**

Rich is still working very hard on a 10 year Master Plan for the town with the C.P.C.....for now all forward motion is on hold because of the Water/Sewer concerns. Affordable Housing Forum to be held on May 22, 2018 @7:00PM. Concerns still on: Housing for the elderly, taxes and transportation. The increase on these needs will go from 24% to 40% in the near future.

- **NEW PROGRAM--MVRTA**

We will be meeting with the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority to discuss some of the concerns brought up. Because we find we are over budget we will be going back to some private transportation like before for local appointments.

- **NEW PROGRAM--Smart Phone Lessons**

This program was very successful. Hopefully this will continue once the new school season begins again.

- **FY 19 Budget**

At the last Department Head meeting a mention of Cuts may be happening in the near future. The amount for trash collection is over budget and may be going up because China will not be accepting trash anymore.

- **Bathrooms**

The Friends will be providing a new décor and paint to both bathrooms to go along with the new sinks and toilets which will be installed by the DPW sometime in June, 2018.

- **Promote COA**

We have all actively seeking new members.

- **Future Events:**

May 17th	Coffee with a Cop
May 29th	Smart Phone Lessons
June 6th	AAA—Real ID
June 14th	Father's Day Luncheon
July 19th	Annual BBQ
August 7th	National Night Out

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Rich Wallner still wants to work on having a SUMMIT in the fall to talk about new/go over ideas. Rich would like us to come to the next meeting with any new topics or revise some older good ones. Mary is going to try to come up with some old organizational notes to use as a guide line.

Adjourn: 7:30 PM

Motion to adjourn made by Maureen Donato and seconded by Frances Cheney---Unanimous

Next COA Meeting scheduled for June 20, 2018--@ 6:30

There will be no meetings in July and August unless needed.

Enjoy the summer and be safe. See you all again in September.

Respectfully submitted:

Frances Cheney, COA Secretary