

North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman Snell at 7:08pm at the O'Leary Senior Center. Present: Mary Prenney, Director, Brian Snell, Chairman; Joe Veno, Eleanor Fritsch, Frances Cheney, Maureen Donato. Absent: Rich Wallner.

Board welcomed Fran Cheney, newly appointed COA Member.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2015 Meeting

Motion to approve made by Joe Veno and Seconded by Frances Cheney----unanimous

Director's Report

See attached copy of Directors report for complete information

- Newsletter in process of being edited and mailed early due to High School ending session.
- Friend's of COA and Garden Club Blue Star Memorial-Way Marker dedication scheduled for May 30th at 4pm at Ipswich River Park. Public invited.
- New Van, Dodge Pro Master close to being ordered. Van will have wheelchair accessibility.
- Community Impact Team will sponsor /host "National Night Out" on August 4th. Volunteers are needed to staff Senior Center Booth.
- Older Americans Month is May. Members from COA will attend Selectman's Meeting to accept their reading of Proclamation for Older American's Month."
- Elder Services of Mystic Valley Board will be voting on approval to cover Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop towns for delivering Elder Services.
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be held at Senior Center, May 22nd. Pat Filmore will cater for breakfast.
- "Coffee with a Cop" will be held at the Senior Center on May 29th. This is a National Program to engage police officers with the community.

Promote the COA

Rich Wallner and Maureen Donato attended reading of The Proclamation for Older American's Month at the BOS. Rich spoke and gave synopsis of plans by SAT for future plans for seniors and a Town Community Center.

Friend's of the COA Update

No member from the NRRCOA was present.

Old Business:

Joe Veno reported that there has been no response from Town Manager, Mr. Gilleberto, as of this date, in his request for clarification/approval of COA Board to revise/update "COA 2011 Policies and Procedures" regarding increasing Board members, setting quorums and privileges of Associate Members and Term Limits.

Chair, Brian Snell, has considered consulting with North Reading Town Counsel. He reported that EOEa has the option of having an Associate Member vote when needed. The Chair has other questions regarding present COA Policies and Procedures and suggested that Board look at this for one more month before any changes are made.

Chair Mr. Snell reported that Election of Officers should take place in January, 2016 and voted on in February, 2016.

Mary Prenney reported that the Senior Action Team (SAT) is making much progress in adding new members and making appointment to their subcommittees. She feels positive that the end results of the SAT will make North Reading a better place for seniors to live in.

Mary also reported that Rich Wallner plans to interface with the Community Development Committee (CDC) to consider the use of the land at the former J.T. Berry Center for a Community Town Center.

New Business:

No new Business discussed.

Adjourn: 8:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Joe Veno and seconded by Frances Cheney----Unanimous

Next COA Meeting scheduled for June 24th, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen L. Donato, COA Secretary