

North Reading Council on Aging
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Third Meeting House, Building on the Common

Meeting called to order by Chair, Brian Snell at 7:05 pm at the O'Leary Center.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting----April 20, 2016

Motion to approve made by Frances Cheney and seconded by Richard Wallner----unanimous.

Director's Report: See attached copy of Director's Report for Complete information.

- Newsletters mailed 6/14/16---High School students assisted with preparation/expediting Newsletter.
- Statistics of COA Activities completed through April---May/June pending. The Director noted an increase of participants for the Exercise Programs; a decrease in participants for the Congregate and MOW's Program was noted. Full report is due in September 2016.
- Friends of the COA purchased new planters which will be placed near the Rain Garden; installation of a fence is also planned. They are also working with MVES in planning a Health Fair to be held in the Spring. The Friends will host a ceremony in honor of Jim Arsenault who posthumously received a Purple Heart.
- Community Impact Team has planned a National Night out for Tuesday, 6 to 8 pm on August 2nd. The Friends and MVES will have a table; volunteers will be needed for the event. The COA/CIT will host a Senior Safety Presentation in conjunction with DA, Marian Ryan's office. Date is pending.
- FY16 Budget passed. Request for new radio for COA Van was not accepted; however plans are being made for the Town to supply/install a radio.
- MVES will be hosting a Barbeque on July 28th; Mel Simmons will provide the entertainment.
- NRSAT had a good response to their survey which was included in the Spring Newsletter. Rich Wallner is reviewing the results.
- The COA is hosting an early dinner-program at 5pm on June 21st. The theater presentation is paid by a North Reading Cultural Grant. A three course chicken dinner catered by Nan's Café can be purchased for \$15pp.
- An Outreach Worker will be hired as of July 1st for 15/hr a week; Formula Grant Monies will provide funds,
- Town Meeting voted \$25,000 for a transportation and housing study that will be done through the Community Planning Commission.

MVES Update

COA May/June Statistics for activities are pending. Mary reports that the movie sessions at the COA have become popular.

Joe Veno and Brian Snell attended a session at MVES on "How to Market MOW's" and on ways to solicit donations from MOW's clients. An update was given on the Senate Budget which is considering changing the financial qualifications/income levels in determining eligibility for MVES Services.

MVES has taken on new space to include increased personnel due to their merger with the Chelsea/Revere/Winthrop Elder Services.

Promote the COA

Rich Wallner and Mary Prenney attended the Friend's Meeting and gave update on the Survey placed in Newsletter requesting a response from seniors interested in assisting NRSAT and CIT with their goal of creating a Multigenerational Center in North Reading. Rich has also met with Selectmen Mauceri and O'Leary on plans for this Center and its future positive effects for North Reading. Much planning/discussions are taking place now in regards to a future Town Center, transportation services, provision for water and sewerage and affordable housing.

Friends of the COA Update--- No Friends were present.

Old Business

A planned conference call to *Uber* regarding a future pilot program for transportation has been tabled for now. Call was to include a MVES representative, Mary Prenney and Joe Veno.

COA Board continues to seek new Members. Mary reported that Town Hall has an interested applicant who completed papers.

New Business

The Board discussed their preference for *changing* meeting time from commencing at 7 PM to 6:30 PM in September 2016.

Motion to change made by Maureen Donato and seconded by Rich Wallner----- unanimous.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Frances Cheney at 8:05 PM and seconded by Rich Wallner.

Next Meeting scheduled for September 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen L. Donato, COA Secretary.

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