

## North Reading Council on Aging Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Meeting called to order 7:00pm at the O'Leary Center. Present were Mary Prenney, Brian Snell, Ed Broughton, Eleanor Fritsch, Joe Veno, Richard Wallner, and Maureen Donato.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2013

Motion made by Joe Veno and seconded by Ed Broughton. Approved 6-0 unanimous.

### Director's Report

See attached copy of Director's Report of The Department of Elder Affairs for complete report and details.

The North Reading High School students are assisting with editing and processing the Senior Newsletter, "Meeting House Echoes." 1900 Newsletters (Volume 29) were sent out.

Michelle Cronin has accepted the 22.5 hr position at the Senior Center and the 12.5 hr van driver position has been posted.

Transportation program has been going well and able to supplement trips for medical appointments of out of town as well as local appointments.

Social trips for seniors are now being provided by three resources including those provided by the Friends of the North Reading Council on Aging (FONRCOA.)

FONRCOA have approved \$1200 for plantings in the new parking lot on the West Side. This is scheduled for the Fall of 2013.

The FY14 Budget is approved; there has been a 12% increase. FY14 Capital Request has been done with total of \$1538.80 being requested for Transfer from the Reserve Fund.

Massachusetts Councils are hoping for a grant increase of \$1 per person which would equal \$2714 for North Reading; this is pending the Governor's approval of passing the budget.

### Promote the COA

Ed Broughton and Rich Wallner socialized with invited dignitaries at the Hillview Country Club Breakfast held to honor all the volunteers who assist at the Senior Center. They are looking for ways to expand the Board and promote ways and resources that the Board assists others in the community of North Reading besides seniors.

### Friends of the C.O.A. Update

No one was present from the FONRCOA.

### Old Business

The Board continued their discussion from past meetings on how can the NR COA can advocate and improve the activities, socialization and welfare for our elders. The board acknowledges that North Reading Seniors are increasing in number and cover a much broader range of ages as well as interests than in the past. Meeting those needs presents an enormous challenge due to our limited resources.

The Board plans to "brain storm" this topic when the Board meets again after the Summer and possibly write up an Action Specification after a thorough discussion of ideas and investigation of various resources.

### New Business

No new business was discussed.

### Adjourn—8:13pm

Motion to adjourn made Joe Veno and seconded by Rich Wallner, unanimous

Next meeting scheduled for September 18, 2013

Respectfully submitted

Maureen L. Donato, COA Secretary

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