

# **North Reading Council on Aging**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

Meeting called to order by Maureen Donato, Secretary, at 7:00 pm at the O'Leary Senior Center. Present: Director, Mary Prenney, Joe Veno, Eleanor Fritsch, Frances Cheney, Maureen Donato. Chairman, Brian Snell arrived at 7:13. Absent: Richard Wallner

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2015 Meeting**

Motion to approve made by Joe Veno and Seconded by Frances Cheney----unanimous 4-0

#### **Director's Report**

*See attached copy of Directors report for complete information*

- Fall Newsletter is at the printers and. should be out by Oct. 1
- Friend's of COA have inserted a notice into the Newsletter "to join the Friends."
- New Van, Dodge Pro Master, is scheduled for delivery in next few weeks. The old van will be used by other community organizations in North Reading.
- Community Impact Team made a presentation from "Learn to Cope" on 9/16/15 at the Senior Center. The topic was "The Older Addict." Families present were able to share stories and learn of Support Groups. More programs on The Older Addict are planned for the future.
- FY16 Budget has made possible for the Senior Center to order from IT a new copier/fax/scanner.
- MSEV Board has voted to merge with Chelsea Revere Winthrop; this will take place Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. NR COA Council hosted 18 Caremanagers from MVES for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MVES.
- "Coffee with a Cop" will be held Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at Heav'nly Donuts from 9-10 AM.
- Shopping via COA Van has been offered to take seniors to the Wilmington Shopping/Market Basket Plaza. There has not been any interest in this service; it will continue to be offered until the first of the year.
- The North Reading Senior Action Team (NRSAT) is making much progress. Rich Wallner is the Chair. Please see the attached e-mail for updated information.

#### **Promote the COA**

Maureen Donato participated in "A COA Board Training" conducted by Emmett Schmarsow from EOEA on 9/9/15 at North Shore Elder Services. Chairman, Brian Snell attended "Learn to Cope" and interfaced with the attendees/family's who were present.

#### **Friend's of the COA Update**

No member from NRFOCOA was present.

**Old Business**

Board Member, Joe Veno, informed COA Board the Town Administrator, Mr. Gilleberto, had researched the COA Board's questions of whether the Board:

1. Could have Associate/Alternative Members;
2. Could an Associate Member replace an appointed member to fill the quorum requirement;
3. Could an Associate Member be allowed to vote when filling in to meet quorum.

Please see e-mail from Joe Veno to all Board Members dated 9/23/15 from Town Administrator, Mr. Gilleberto, regarding his consult with Town Counsel on this matter. According to the memo, alterations could be made through changes to the bylaws.

The matter was tabled until next COA Board meeting; suggestion was made to extend an invitation to the TA to meet/discuss matter with the Board at our next meeting.

**New Business**

The Board discussed their desire to honor the memory of recently deceased long time COA Board Member, Ed Broughton. COA Director, Mary Prenney, agreed to explore possibility of having a Memory Stone placed in the Special Garden outside the COA.

**Adjourn:** 8:11 PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Joe Veno and Seconded by Frances Cheney—unanimous.

**Next Meeting scheduled** for October 21, 2015

**Respectfully submitted:**

Maureen L. Donato, COA Secretary \_\_\_\_\_