

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
November 4, 2010
MINUTES

PRESENT: Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller, James Dolan, Mary Elizabeth Weadock, Scott Brightman, Roma Jean Brown, Dan Goldberg
NOT PRESENT: Andrea Rae, Susanne Hughes, Risa Greendlinger
STAFF: Jamie Brenner Gutner, Sherry Jackson
CONVENE: 6:30 p.m. - Stephen Palmer Senior Center

DISCUSSION:

- I. Call To Order - 6:30 p.m. - Carol deLemos**
Carol deLemos, Vice-Chair, called the November 4, 2010 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.
- II. Approve Minutes:**
COA Board members took up discussion on the minutes.
No Action taken.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend adoption of Article 11, as amended for Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 8, 2010. Article 11 would authorize the expenditure of \$500,000 for design of a new Senior Center at the Needham Heights MBTA site.
Unanimously approved.

- III. Chairperson's Report - C. deLemos, Vice-Chair:**
- A. COA Board members continued discussion on Special Town Meeting.
 - B. J. Brenner Gutner reported that the Advisory Committee has identified a candidate that they feel would be an asset to committee.
J. Brenner Gutner briefly summarized the credentials of the candidate and stated that she would like the support of the COA Board.
J. Brenner Gutner also reported that Sherry Jackson's MCOA (Massachusetts Councils on Aging) presentation has also been accepted by the National Council on Aging Conference.

- IV. Executive Director - J. Brenner Gutner:**
The Board suggested that it would be nice to

acknowledge the contribution that Monica Graham made towards the success of the recent Candidates Forum. Sherry Jackson will send them a note from the COA Board. C. deLemos suggested that a small group of Board Members convene to assist in reviewing the functioning and use of "MySeniorCenter." J. Brenner Gutner stated that she is putting together a schedule for an initial audit and when this is completed she will update the Board. Discussion continued on the screen for "MySeniorCenter" and implementation of the functions available to us. J. Brenner Gutner suggested that Board members who experience difficulties with the site should contact her so that she could determine if it is something we can correct in house or if the web-master should be contacted. C. deLemos also suggested a gathering for Nina Silverstein and Derrek Shulman to acknowledge their years of service. The Board will continue this discussion in December with more members present.

V. Friends of the Needham Elderly, Inc. Report - Roma Jean Brown:

The Friends Report included an update on their joint meeting with the COA Board to discuss future fundraising efforts. Friends also discussed that their website is up and running. They have also sent a letter to various agencies and organizations regarding the need for a new van which resulted in a call from Dedham Savings, regarding a Foundation for which the Friends could apply for funding of up to \$10,000. The paperwork was completed and sent in.

Adjourn (7:25 p.m.)

A motion was made by D. Goldberg for the Board to adjourn the November 4, 2010 Council on Aging Board Meeting. It was seconded by M.E. Weadock and unanimously approved.