

**NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**March 8, 2012**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Susanne Hughes, Mary Elizabeth Weadock,  
Eilene Kleiman, Scott Brightman, Dan  
Goldberg, Colleen Schaller, Carol deLemos  
**NOT PRESENT:** Lianne Relich, Roma Jean Brown, Andrea Rae  
**STAFF:** Jamie Brenner Gutner, Sherry Jackson,  
**CONVENE:** 7:00 p.m. - Stephen Palmer Senior Center

**DISCUSSION:**

- I. Call To Order - 7::00 p.m. - Susanne Hughes**  
Susanne Hughes, Chair, called the March 8, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.
- II. Approve Minutes:**  
Eilene Kleiman made a motion that the Board vote to approve the February 9, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as amended.  
Dan Goldberg seconded the motion.  
The motion carried with 4 affirmative votes and 1 abstention.
- III. Chairperson's Report - S. Hughes**  
No Report.
- IV. Executive Director - J. Brenner Gutner**  
The COA Board expressed their appreciation for the thoroughness of the Executive Director's report.
- J. Brenner Gutner responded to the members' question regarding the Warrant Article related to appropriation for Senior Corps that was mentioned in her report. J. Brenner Gutner stated that this Warrant Article is submitted every year, this year she was asked to speak to the Finance Committee about the program.
- J. Brenner Gutner expressed that there continues to be some uncertainty about funding for the SHINE Program, but that she had received confirmation of the revenue rollover that is expected to provide appropriate funding through 2013. J. Brenner Gutner pointed out that suitable funding beyond 2013 would

likely require some legislative work and citizens advocating for the continued support of this program. S. Hughes noted that SHINE is an important program and it would be terrible if funding were no longer available. S. Jackson added that the amount of service that results from funding is amazing.

**V. Springwell - M.E. Weadock**

M.E. Weadock reported that Springwell is beginning an aggressive fundraising campaign to fund programs that do not receive funding in an effort to keep all programs going.

**VI. Friends of the Needham Elderly, Inc. Report**

The Friends of the Needham Elderly met this to discuss receipt of donations and ways to financially continue to support the programs that they want to support. The discussion veered towards broader fundraising plans for their general account. E. Kleiman offered some suggestions.

**VII. Committee Updates**

**Friends Fundraising Steering Committee - M. E. Weadock, C.Schaller, and C. deLemos**

The Friends Fundraising Steering Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. J. Brenner Gutner and Ted Pierce went to Dedham Institution for Saving to meet with their Executive Vice President. Ted Pierce and Jamie Brenner Gutner also met with the Direct Federal Credit Union who asked for further clarification on certain issues that would assist them in their decision making as regard to a donation.

**Naming Committee - D. Goldberg**

The Naming Committee will meet on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 4pm. D. Goldberg will bring the COA Board more information at the next COA Board meeting.

**Action Plan Sub-Committee - E. Kleiman, L. Relich, C. deLemos**

No Report

**Visibility Committee - A. Rae**

Although no formal report was given, discussion veered to groundbreaking activities and signage for the project. M.E. Weadock asked about whether we had received a letter from the NISC Reaccreditation Committee. Jamie Brenner Gutner said no official documentation has been received. S. Hughes added that the Visibility Committee should be involved with putting the word out about SHINE.

**VI. Board Member Updates**

2012 Needham Business Association Street Fair is scheduled for June 2, 2012

D. Goldberg made a motion to adjourn the March 8, 2012 COA Board meeting. E. Kleiman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Unanimous Vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.