

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
May 10, 2012
MINUTES

PRESENT: Susanne Hughes, Lianne Relich, Andrea Rae, Scott Brightman, Dan Goldberg
NOT PRESENT: Carol deLemos, Eilene Kleiman, Colleen Schaller, Mary Elizabeth Weadock, Roma Jean Brown
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 May 10, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.
- II. Approve Minutes:**
Minutes tabled. No quorum.
- III. Chairperson's Report - S. Hughes**
S. Hughes led the discussion on planning for the Needham Business Association (NBA) Street Fair. L. Relich volunteered to spend some time at the table. A general discussion ensued on the Fair and J. Brenner Gutner offered to help with updating materials and working on the presentation boards with L. Relich.
- S. Hughes thanked everyone who attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony. J. Brenner Gutner reported on the media coverage from The Needham Times and the Patch. A general discussion ensued on events of the day. The COA Board expressed appreciation to the employees of Trader Joe's who came out to cheer on the Senior Center group as they walked towards the site that will be the new Senior Center.
- S. Hughes reported that she spoke with Board of Selectmen Vice Chair, Dan Matthews regarding COA Board vacancies. S. Hughes mentioned that Kate Robey has expressed an interest in serving on the COA Board. S. Hughes asked COA Board members to let her know of any potential candidates that they would recommend in filling the second vacancy.

S. Hughes reported that Sue Temper is coming to speak at the June COA Board Meeting.

IV. Executive Director - J. Brenner Gutner

A. Rae inquired about how financial abuse is discovered. COA Board members responded that there is not one answer it could involve several things. A general discussion ensued on this issue.

S. Hughes asked about the April 26, 2012 Permanent Public Building Committee meeting. J. Brenner Gutner responded, addressing the bidding process relative to the construction costs for the new Senior Center. J. Brenner Gutner also reported on the meeting with Jim Healy, Dave Davison, and Colleen Schaller, pointing out that money still needs to be raised for enrichments.

S. Hughes asked about the reoccurring flooding issues in the main closet. J. Brenner Gutner responded that Crowninshield is responsive.

V. Springwell - M.E. Weadock

S. Hughes responded to a question regarding Springwell's move, noting that Springwell is moving to Waltham in October 2012

VI. Friends of the Needham Elderly, Inc. Report

J. Brenner Gutner reported that the primary discussion at the FRIEND'S Board Meeting was the funding of the "Compass." J. Brenner Gutner also reported about funding for the transportation program.

VII. Committee Updates

40B Working Committee - Scott Brightman

S. Brightman prefaced his report with a quick update on the charge of this committee. S. Brighton reported on the work that is going into developing the document and the need for affordable housing. A general discussion ensued on tax credits and eligibility requirements. S. Brighton expressed that he appreciates being apart of this committee. S. Brightman spoke briefly on potential sites for

developers.

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

No Report

**Naming Committee - D. Goldberg, R. J. Brown,
S. Jackson, Jon Mattleman, and Stephen (?)**

D. Goldberg reported on possible choices for the naming of the new Senior Center, adding that although no concrete choice has emerged, the committee members are in consensus that "Needham" should be included in the name.

Nominating Committee - A. Rae, R. J Brown

A. Rae reported that the Nominating Committee has met and is recommending Colleen Schaller and Carol deLemos as Co-Chairs of the Council on Aging. A. Rae stated that both are willing to serve. Voting on this recommendation will take place at the next COA Board meeting. COA Board members expressed their appreciation for the leadership role that S. Hughes has provided for many years.

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

No Report

Visibility Committee -

No Report

VIII. Board Member Updates

A. Rae spoke briefly on her trip to North Carolina and Virginia. A. Rae also spoke about her brother in-law who at 63 is hiking the Appalachian Trail.

A. Rae made a motion to adjourn the May 10, 2012 COA Board meeting. L. Relich seconded the motion. The motion carried. Unanimous Vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.