

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
September 13, 2012
MINUTES

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

DISCUSSION:

- I. Call To Order - 7:00 p.m. - Carol deLemos**
Carol deLemos, Co-Chair, called the September 13, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order. C. deLemos welcomed new Council on Aging Board Members, Phyllis Fanger and Ed Cosgrove. Ms. Fanger and Mr. Cosgrove shared some past experiences with the COA Board.
- II. Approve Minutes:**
A. Rae made a motion that the Board vote to approve the June 14, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
Dan Goldberg seconded the motion.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- III. Chairperson's Report - C. deLemos & C. Schaller**
C. deLemos reported that the proposed name of the new senior center facility, "The Center at the Heights," was presented at the September 11th Board of Selectmen meeting. The Board of Selectmen will vote on the name at their next meeting.
- IV. Executive Director - J. Brenner Gutner**
COA Board members expressed their appreciation for a very informative and amazing Executive Director's report. A general discussion ensued.
- V. Friends of the Needham Elderly, Inc. Report**
R. J. Brown reported on fundraising efforts and that members are thrilled with the new van, adding that it is bigger and more wheelchairs can fit on the van as necessary. R.J. Brown also commented on members'

concern for the dwindling funds that are used to support the production of the Compass and the running of the van, noting that donations have dropped. A general discussion ensued. J. Brenner Gutner stated that a member of FONE (Friends of Needham Elderly, Inc.) had suggestions about the van and Senior Compass as a separate fundraising endeavor from the "enhancement fund" for the new Senior Center. J. Brenner Gutner added that a fair amount of readers receive the Senior Compass online, but the majority like a hard copy.

VI. Springwell Report

S. Hughes reported that Springwell's new home, as of September 24, 2012 would be, 307 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA. S. Hughes added that the new space is bigger and brighter. S. Hughes also added that the search continues for a new CEO.

VII. Committee Updates

Senior Center Update - C. deLemos & C. Schaller

C. Schaller reported that she attended the August 13, 2012 Permanent Public Building Committee meeting. C. Schaller summarized some issues that were discussed. C. Schaller stated that the site is coming along, and that the goal is to complete outside work by sometime in December so that work can continue on the project during the winter months.

Fundraising Committee - Lianne Relich

L. Relich reported that the Fundraising Committee met during the summer to plan the upcoming event. L. Relich stated that the event would honor major contributors. L. Relich added that there will be several guest servers and that the tickets would be \$50/per person. The event will take place on October 17th from 6:30-9:00 p.m., at the Needham Golf Club. A general discussion ensued.

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

No Report

Visibility Committee -

No Report

C. deLemos asked the COA Board to consider a meeting time change, noting that as the days get longer that the COA Board consider starting their meeting at 6:45 p.m.

A. Rae made a motion that the COA Board meets at 6:45 p.m. starting at the October 2012 COA Board Meeting.

S. Hughes seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. Board Member Updates

A. Rae reported that she currently had a Presbyterian minister and his wife, who are representatives of Inverness, Scotland, and the Church of Scotland, at her home. They were on their way to Kingston, Jamaica to participate in anniversary celebrations of a fellow church. They had reported that the church, which was located in a depressed area, had remained vital due to the efforts of their older members.

S. Hughes stated that she is a new grandmother.

S. Brightman stated that he is willing to give an overview on senior housing at a future COA Board meeting.

D. Goldberg made a motion to adjourn the September 13, 2012 COA Board meeting. A. Rae seconded the motion. The motion carried. Unanimous Vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.