

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
December 13, 2012
MINUTES

PRESENT: Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller,
Roma Jean Brown, Ed Cosgrove,
Phyllis Fanger, Dan Goldberg, Susanne
Hughes, Andrea Rae, Lianne Relich,
Mary Elizabeth Weadock

NOT PRESENT: Scott Brightman, Eilene Kleiman,

STAFF: Jamie Brenner Gutner

CONVENE: 6:45 p.m. - Stephen Palmer Senior Center

DISCUSSION:

- I. Call To Order - 6:45 p.m. - Carol deLemos and C. Schaller Co-Chairs**
Carol deLemos, Co-Chair, called the December 13, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.
- II. Approve Minutes:**
S. Hughes made a motion that the Board vote to approve the November 8, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
C. Schaller seconded the motion.
The motion carried 9 affirmative 1 abstention.
- III. Chairperson's Report - C. deLemos & C. Schaller**
No Report
- IV. Overview Advisory Committee and FONE (Friends of the Needham Elderly) - J. Brenner Gutner**
J. Brenner Gutner prefaced the discussion by noting that the formation of the Advisory Committee was a recommendation from the Accreditation Process of 1999. J. Brenner Gutner added that the process also helped to initiate an emergency preparedness plan for the Center that facilitated the labeling on every phone as to how to access the police department. J. Brenner Gutner pointed out that the Advisory Committee is a Sub-Committee of the COA Board and has up to 7 members. J. Brenner Gutner stated that the Friends of the Needham Elderly (FONE) is their own non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and she pointed out some specific ways this group has supported the department such as

funding the Compass and helping to support the Van. The FONE has their own Board and has no responsibility to the Council on Aging Board. The discussion veered towards other possible means of financial support. M. E. Weadock asked if it would be helpful to appoint a COA Board member to the Advisory Committee, J. Brenner Gutner responded that if a Board Member would like to serve the Board should feel free to appoint someone. She stated that she would gladly continue to report their activity to members.

V. Executive Director - J. Brenner Gutner

COA Board members expressed their appreciation for a very informative Executive Director's report. A general discussion ensued about the ICO (Integrated Care Organization) Grant being pursued by the State and the concern that the program would take resources away from the existing SHINE Program. J. B. Gutner explained that once ICO's are established those eligible to enroll may elect to stay enrolled or can un-enroll. J. Brenner Gutner stated that she would keep the COA Board members informed.

VI. Friends of the Needham Elderly (F.O.N.E), Inc. Report - Roma Jean Brown

R.J. Brown reported on a potential name change in the future and the work that is being done currently to update the website. R.J. Brown reported that the next FONE meeting is January 28, 2013, adding that there will be no February meeting, but that the monthly meeting schedule will resume in March. R.J. Brown reported that the FONE continue to strategize on how to continue funding the Compass. A general discussion ensued on Ads.

VII. Springwell Report - Mary Elizabeth Weadock

M.E. Weadock reported that Springwell has hired a new Executive Director, Rachel Steiner, and that Board Elections have taken place. M. E. Weadock reported that the money management and nutrition programs are struggling financially. M.E. Weadock stated that Springwell is looking to expand the Board, adding that the Nominating Committee is looking for a member with financial expertise.

M.E. Weadock asked the COA Board if they know anyone who would be willing to serve to let her know.

VIII. Committee Reports

Senior Center Update - C. deLemos & C. Schaller

C. Schaller encouraged COA Board members to attend the upcoming Permanent Public Building Committee (PPBC) on Monday at 7:30 pm to hear a general discussion on basic finishes for the new Center. S. Hughes asked about the level of knowledge that the professionals have regarding what products and designs work best for an elderly population. C. Schaller reported that the architects seem knowledgeable, have been wonderful to work with, and that she and J. Brenner Gutner, as the user representatives, are also paying close attention to such details. C. Schaller stated that progress is great and that the building should be fully enclosed by the end of January.

Fundraising Committee - C. Schaller

No Report

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

No Report

Visibility Committee -

No Report

IV. Board Member Updates

D. Goldberg reported that Briarwood has been sold and that the employees found out last week, families found out last night. A general discussion ensued.

A. Rae made a motion to adjourn the November 8, 2012 COA Board meeting. L. Relich seconded the motion. The motion carried. Unanimous Vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.