

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
November 8, 2012
MINUTES

PRESENT: Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller,
Ed Cosgrove, Dan Goldberg, Susanne Hughes,
Lianne Relich, Mary Elizabeth Weadock

NOT PRESENT: Roma Jean Brown, Scott Brightman,
Phyllis Fanger, Eilene Kleiman, Andrea Rae

STAFF: Jamie Brenner Gutner, Sherry Jackson

GUEST: Representative Denise C. Garlick

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

DISCUSSION:

- I. Call To Order - 6:45 p.m. - Carol deLemos**
Carol deLemos, Co-Chair, called the November 8, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.
- II. Approve Minutes:**
D. Goldberg made a motion that the Board vote to approve the October 11, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as amended.
Ed Cosgrove seconded the motion.
The motion carried on a unanimous vote.
- III. Chairperson's Report - C. deLemos & C. Schaller**
No Report
- IV. Executive Director - J. Brenner Gutner**
COA Board members expressed their appreciation for a very informative Executive Director's report. A general discussion ensued on the Senior Center Fundraiser. Board members asked to receive information on the Annual MCOA Conference as early as possible in the coming year.
- V. Representative Denise C. Garlick**
Representative Garlick presented her role on the budget, elder services and constituency services. Representative Garlick handed out information on the FY13 Conference Committee Budget. Representative Garlick assured the COA Board that the money in the FY13 Budget, allocated for the Needham Senior Center, is still part of the original line item. Representative Garlick reported on the work she is

involved while serving as a member of the Joint Committee on Education, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing and Joint Committee on Public Health. Representative Garlick reported on legislation relating to Dementia Care and Long Term Care facilities, noting that the Long Term Care Insurance bill deals with the issue on how beds are held or released. The discussion veered toward the thousands of bills that are filed, which result in legislation that produces the laws of the Commonwealth. Representative Garlick stated that she would send copies of the information that she was referring to to J. B. Gutner electronically. Representative Garlick encouraged the COA Board to contact her with any concerns while bills are being considered. Representative Garlick commended the Needham Council on Aging on the great work they are doing.

Representative Garlick reported that she meets with Board members from other Towns, and various other Committees and department managers.

VI. Friends of the Needham Elderly (FONE), Inc. Report - J. B. Gutner

J. B. Gutner delivered the report on behalf of FONE. J. B. Gutner reported that FONE met recently to talk about how to continue to fund the Senior Compass. J. B. Gutner also reported that she and Steven Cadigan will meet to talk about fundraising opportunities to help support the FONE general operating budget.

VII. Springwell Report - M. E. Weadock

M.E. Weadock reported that Springwell has hired Rachel Steiner as the new Executive Director of Springwell, Inc. M.E. Weadock reported that Springwell is exploring their role with ICOs (Integrated Care Organizations) adding that they will have responsibility for those dually eligible for Mass Health or Medicare.

S. Hughes spoke briefly about what an ICO does and whom it serves.

VIII. Committee Reports

Senior Center Update - C. deLemos & C. Schaller

C. Schaller reported that currently construction is a little behind schedule, but we have been assured completion by 10.20.13. C. Schaller spoke briefly about the budget. C. Schaller stated that the Topping Off Ceremony will take place on 11.9.12.

Fundraising Committee - C. Schaller

C. Schaller reported on Funds raised and how Funds will be spent.

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

No Report

Visibility Committee -

No Report

Board Member Updates

J.B. Gutner handed out the Boston Globe article, "Rail-trail supporters divided over strategy." A lengthy discussion ensued.

M. E. Weadock 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.