

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
March 14, 2013
MINUTES

PRESENT: Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller,
Scott Brightman, Roma Jean Brown,
Phyllis Fanger, Dan Goldberg,
Mary Elizabeth Weadock,
NOT PRESENT: Ed Cosgrove, Susanne Hughes, Eilene Kleiman,
Andrea Rae, Lianne Relich
STAFF: Jamie Brenner Gutner, Sherry Jackson
CONVENE: 5:30 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 March 14, 2013 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.
- II. Approve Minutes:**
D. Goldberg made a motion that the Board vote to approve the December 13, 2012 Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as amended.
M. E. Weadock seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimous vote.

C. deLemos made a motion that the Board vote to approve the January 10, 2013 Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
S. Hughes seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimous vote.

D. Goldberg made a motion that the Board vote to approve the February 14, 2013 Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as amended.
C. deLemos seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimous vote.
- III. Chairperson's Report - C. deLemos & C. Schaller**
C. deLemos led the discussion on the formation of an Event Planning Committee that would organize the opening of the new senior center in October 2013.
M. E. Weadock offered to serve as Chair of this committee. R. J. Brown, S. Hughes, C. Schaller and P. Fanger offered to serve as committee members. A

general discussion ensued about possible subcommittees. M. E. Weadock expressed that she would get the subcommittees going as well and will contact the Belmont Senior Center to inquire how they planned their opening event. M. W. Weadock stated that she would give the COA Board an update at the next Board meeting.

IV. Executive Director - J. Brenner Gutner

COA Board members expressed their appreciation for a very detailed and informative Executive Director's Report. C. deLemos expressed an appreciation for the Social Service list of storm preparedness items and suggested that an electric can opener be added to that list.

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

No Report. A collective report forthcoming. Today, members of the F.O.N.E went to Charles River to look at the wall plaques. F.O.N.E will need to make a decision about what the plaques will look like.

VI. Springwell Report - Mary Elizabeth Weadock

M. E. Weadock expressed that the federal sequestration won't at this time effect Springwell. A general discussion ensued on the effects that the sequestration could have in the coming years and on which programs would be affected. M.E. Weadock also expressed that Springwell is busy getting accustomed to the new Executive Director, adding that the Springwell Board loves her.

VII. Committee Reports

Senior Center Update - C. deLemos & C. Schaller

C. Schaller reported briefly on a few change orders for the project, adding that there are no major problems related to the completion of the project to date.

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

No Report

Senior Center Handbook Committee - A. Rae, C. deLemos, E. Kleiman, E. Cosgrove

No Report. J. Brenner Gutner will send information electronically to members who will be assisting in the update.

VIII. Board Member Update

S. Brightman spoke about the controversy associated with the proposed 300-unit apartment complex for Greendale Avenue and expressed that he is personally hopeful that affordable units would be available for seniors who are looking to stay in Needham.

S. Brightman added that it is important not to close out a population that needs access to affordable units in Needham.

S. Hughes reported on her trip to Nepal, spending two weeks there. S. Hughes stated that it is a fascinating culture.

M. E. Weadock made a motion to adjourn the March 14, 2013 COA Board meeting. C. Schaller seconded the motion. The motion carried. Unanimous Vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.