

**NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**April 11, 2013**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller, Scott Brightman, Roma Jean Brown, Susanne Hughes, Eilene Kleiman, Andrea Rae, Mary Elizabeth Weadock, Phyllis Fanger, Dan Goldberg, Lianne Relich

**NOT PRESENT:** Ed Cosgrove

**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 April 11, 2013 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.
- II. Approve Minutes:**  
M. E. Weadock made a motion that the Board vote to approve the March 14, 2013 Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as amended.  
C. Schaller seconded the motion.  
The motion carried with 7 affirmative votes, and 1 abstention
- III. Chairperson's Report - C. deLemos & C. Schaller**  
The Chairperson's Report included a discussion on Sherry Jackson's decision to end her employment as Associate Director of the Council on Aging.  
J. Brenner Gutner stated that S. Jackson had been with the Council on Aging for 14 years: 7 seven years in the social work department and 7 as Associate Director. The Board expressed disappointment with the short notice and time of S. Jackson's departure. E. Kleiman will help with some projects during the transition.  
J. Brenner Gutner assured the Board that the staff would be OK and programs and services would continue. A general discussion ensued. The Board expressed their support of J. Brenner Gutner and preliminary next steps.

A general discussion ensued around the next COA Board meeting that is scheduled for, Thursday, May

9, which conflicts with the Historical Society's Annual Meeting. Some COA Board members expressed a desire to attend the Historical Society's Meeting. The consensus of the Board was to meet at 6:15 on May 9.

**IV. Executive Director - J. Brenner Gutner**

COA Board members expressed their appreciation for a very detailed and informative Executive Director's Report. COA Board members had questions on whether or not the Rape Aggression Defense class for women (RAD) is a series. J. Brenner confirmed that it is and encouraged the Board to contact Sergeant Belinda Carroll for more information. The COA Board expressed their appreciation of the Case Vignette, noting that acceptance of help is so important. The COA Board expressed that they are pleased that LaTanya Steele received special recognition during the Wheelock College 125th Anniversary, honoring alum who are putting into action the College's mission to improve the lives of children and families.

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

R. J. Brown reported that the Friends of the Needham Elderly convene their annual meeting on, July 22, 2013.

**VI. Springwell Report - Mary Elizabeth Weadock**

M. E. Weadock expressed that Springwell is still in a transition period. M. E. Weadock reported that information on Area Agencies on Aging or "Triple A's," will be outlined in the Springwell April Newsletter. M. E. Weadock noted that Springwell is working on grants for funding for the various programs. M.E. Weadock noted that community groups apply for funding for innovative programs to improve the lives of seniors.

**VII. Committee Reports**

**Senior Center Update - C. Schaller and J. Brenner Gutner**

J. Brenner Gutner reported briefly on the meeting she attended, which involved key systems and information technology. J. Brenner Gutner expressed her appreciation for the project manager.

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

No Report

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

No Report.

**VIII. Board Member Update**

S. Brightman spoke on the housing industry relative to seniors 85 and older in need of housing support, which is growing because people are living longer. A general discussion ensued on Housing options.

E. Kleiman thanked the Board for their support.

A. Rae will visit Singapore and Malaysia in the future.

C. Schaller will visit France in fall.

**A. Rae made a motion to adjourn the April 11, 2013 COA Board meeting. C. Schaller seconded the motion. The motion carried. Unanimous Vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**