

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

October 8, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Carol deLemos, Monica Graham, Susanne Hughes, Phyllis Fanger, Penny Grossman, Dan Goldberg, Tom Keating, Ed Cosgrove, Lianne Relich

Not Present: Colleen Schaller, Scott Brightman, Eilene Kleiman

Staff: Jamie Brenner Gutner

Convene: 6:00pm - The Center at the Heights, 300 Hillside Ave

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm Carol deLemos, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order.

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting approved. Susanne Hughes moved to approve and Phyllis Fanger seconded the motion. **MOTION** approved by unanimous vote.

CHAIR REPORT: Discussion: The COA Co-Chairs met with the Town Manager and the Assistant Town Manager to discuss the Human Services Division and how the classification of the Division Manager was determined as well as how the classification compared to other positions. The Board expressed concerns and the need for follow up. The possibility of The Board communicating their concerns to the Town Manager was discussed. A member of the Board offered to draft some thoughts. Additional discussion will follow during future meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: The Board again expressed thanks to Jamie Brenner Gutner for the extensive and thorough report. A discussion followed regarding transportation and the many uses of the COA vans. Other organizations in town provide rides, some are medically related. Should there be a central location for these services? Programs were discussed to include the pilot after hours program that began in September. A grant request will be submitted to the MetroWest Health Foundation seeking funding for *Expanded Access to Social Support and Behavior Health*.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Friends of the Needham Elderly, Inc Report: The Friends have agreed to continue to fund the activities of the Fitness Room up to \$15,000. They are working on a general fundraising letter that will be sent out to local businesses shortly.

Wall Tiles – Susanne Hughes: The Donor Plaque has been placed on the wall near the main entrance. The COA expressed appreciation. The Sponsor and Benefactor Plaques will soon be placed on the wall near the entrance to the Café/Multi-Purpose Room.

Art Committee – Carol deLemos: Placement of artwork/sculpture continues throughout the building.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE: During this time there was a discussion of the increase of Health Care and Medicare Premiums. A discussion also followed regarding domestic violence and elder abuse. Certain steps are recommended when entering a conversation of this nature. Further discussion TBD.

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Dan Goldberg made a **MOTION** to adjourn the October 8, 2015 COA Board Meeting. Susanne Hughes seconded the motion. The **MOTION** carried. Unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.