

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

November 12, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller, Monica Graham, Susanne Hughes, Penny Grossman, Dan Goldberg, Tom Keating, Lianne Relich

Not Present: Ed Cosgrove, Eilene Kleiman, Phyllis Fanger

Staff: Jamie Brenner Gutner

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting approved. Susanne Hughes moved to approve and Penny Grossman seconded the motion. **MOTION** approved by unanimous vote.

CHAIR REPORT: Discussion: The Senior Center "Manager Classification" was revisited. Colleen Schaller indicated that the "Classification" was well worth a second look. The Center operates with just a few paid staffers but has a large number of volunteers. On a regular basis the Center runs many programs. Also, there are many complex social service cases that are handled. The SHINE program has two paid staff members but is mostly operated through highly trained volunteers. Together all of these efforts and programs greatly impact the Town. An additional meeting with Town Management was recommended.

An Open House in the spring will be planned. Lianne Relich and Susanne Hughes offered to be a part of the Committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Board again expressed thanks to Jamie Brenner Gutner for the extensive and thorough report. Evening programming has begun and has been very successful and well attended. The Shakespeare program was also very popular. All SHINE evening appointments are taken through the month of December. Transportation for veterans was also discussed and will be addressed again.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wall Art Committee: - Carol deLemos: The committee met with the Needham Art Association. They discussed a method of hanging art pieces without damaging the walls. It is called the Command Hanging System. This system would allow hanging on some of the curved walls in the building.

The Town of Council on Aging Art Policy was reviewed. It was also noted that the town receives a 10% commission from any art pieces that are sold as a result of display in Needham Public buildings. After discussion, the following **MOTION** was placed for a vote: **MOTION: The COA Board reconfirms the the**

Town of Needham Council on Aging Art Policy. Dan Goldberg moved and Lianne Relich seconded. The **MOTION** carried. Unanimous vote

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

Monica Graham placed a **MOTION** to adjourn the November 12, 2015 COA Board Meeting. Dan Goldberg seconded the motion. The **MOTION** carried. Unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.