

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

DECEMBER 10, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Carol DeLemos, Colleen Schaller, Penny Grossman, Monica Graham, Dan Goldberg

Not Present: Susanne Hughes, Phyllis Fanger, Lianne Relich, Eilene Kleiman, Ed Cosgrove, Tom Keating

Staff: Jamie Brenner Gutner

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM by Co-Chair Carol DeLemos

MINUTES: Minutes of November 10th were reviewed but not voted on due to lack of quorum. Request made to change the word “assumes” to “reconfirms” regarding the Motion made by Dan Goldberg and seconded by Lianne Relich on the COA’s Art Committee policy.

CHAIR REPORT: Carol DeLemos spoke about attending a genetically modified food discussion. Consensus being that it is an individual decision in a pro/con situation. She also brought up for discussion a Consumer report on scams targeting older adults during the holidays. An update was provided on the request of the Retired Men’s Group looking for meeting space during the day to hold their meetings and host their program. Programs that occur at the Center during normal business hours are collaborative efforts that take into consideration such things as time of the day, rooms available, content and inclusion that would be in keeping with the goals and mission of the division as well as the purpose for the Center at The Heights during business hours. Certainly programs or groups that meet the criteria of after hour usage could rent the Center after hours.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Executive Director Jamie Brenner Gutner commented on the outstanding job of SHINE volunteers. The number of appointments was out of sight and handled by 58 volunteers. Also she will be posting the open Assistant SHINE Director position and will allow for training time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wall Art Committee: Process is moving forward with the Needham Art Association. A request for a quote on additional footage of the hanging system will be submitted.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Schaller