

## **Arlington Council on Aging**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 21, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Arlington Council on Aging was called to order at 7pm on Thursday January 21, 2010 at 27 Maple St by Ann FitzGerald Chair.

Present: Annette Bender, Karen Nichols, Joanne Morel, Harry McCabe, Ann FitzGerald, and John Jope Exec. Director COA

Absent: Bill Carey, Lucilia Prates, Mildred Hurd (moved out of town)

Guests: Art Budnick, Friends Of COA, Andrew Fisher, Russell Delaney ASA and Seeing Eye Dogs Trainer

Citizens Forum: Art discussed the Friends contribution to COA to date \$1250 and their year end financial statement. The Friends request input from COA on items we need. They are planning a Fund raising Event for spring, they could use our assist.

Russell briefly discussed his work with Labrador retrievers, and the patience and time it takes to train for service.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, December 18, 2009 were unanimously approved as distributed.

Report of Chair: Joint Boards will sponsor program with Joan B. West to speak on Boards Working More Efficiently and The Impact Their Organizations. We will meet with Joan late January. Date will be in March 11, 2010 with a potluck supper to precede meeting. Please plan on attending.

Articles for Advocate need your input.

Report of Executive Director: John distributed Conflict of Interest Law to be signed by all municipal employees. All members present signed the release. John made the suggestion that COA needs liason to Selectmen.

Committee Reports: Harry noted that 28 Arlington residents are on waiting list for Minuteman Homecare services. Arlington receives the most services from 25 cities and towns in catchment area.

Friends of COA Art gave report.

Unfinished business: Request from John for transfer of \$5000 from the Sevoyan Trust to the Sevoyan Dental Subsidy Program as bills of \$7700 are due. Last transfer of funds made in August 2009 \$5000. The program serves 33 persons annually who are income eligible at \$300 per client. John recommended placing a cap on number of clients, Ann suggested a reduction in grant to \$275 per client that would be 36 clients. General consensus is that service is badly needed as economic climate worsens those with greatest need must be assisted. Harry objected to additional funds being spent.

Karen Nichols made motion to set aside \$5000 funds from the Sevoyan Trust to use for Sevoyan Dental Subsidy program, motion seconded by Annette Bender, agreed Joanne Morel, Ann FitzGerald, Harry McCabe objection, **Motion carried.**

CDBG grant applications have been submitted by John and Mrs.C.Sharkey for Transportation funding and Staff positions totaling \$127,630. Unanimous vote by Board.

Mt.Auburn Transportation Subsidy Fund almost depleted from \$10,000 grant. The cost to client is \$10, subsidy by COA \$30.00. Further funding in doubt at this time.

Warrant Article meeting very successful. See attached article notes. Four articles will be presented to the FINCOM. Board vote was unanimous in favor. Thank you, John, Harry for your hard work.

Health Care Forum: Annette has set a date for meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> 4pm at the Senior Center. There will be a committee report at February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

New Business: Transportation funding for FY2010 will be a challenge as we need to raise \$8800 to complete needs for this year. We need to coordinate with Friends of COA to do the job.

The new van should be coming soon.

#### Agenda for Next Meeting

FINCOM meeting and Town Meeting attendance will be needed.

Plan to assist Friends of COA raise monies for Transportation and vans.

#### Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm by Ann FitzGerald. The next general meeting will be at 4pm on February 18, 2010 in Senior Center. Please use front door.

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