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## **Council on Aging Minutes 02/21/2002**

ARLINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING  
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Richard Murray, Chair  
Mary Dodge, Vice-Chair  
Town of Arlington

Shirley Chapski, Secretary

Regular Meeting of the Council on Aging

February 21, 2002 minutes

Members Present: Richard Murray, Mary Dodge, Hannah Simon, Harry McCabe, Dottie Nicholas, and Shirley Chapski.

Members Absent: Mildred Hurd, Robert Bowes, and Phil Mercandetti.

Others Present: Patsy Kraemer, Director Human Resources, Town of Arlington; John Jope, COA Executive Director; Gloria von Hyeburg, President ASA; Maureen Jackson, COA, and Jean Hopkins.

Quorum Identification/Call to Order: Richard Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum of 6 was present.

Minutes of the January 24, 2002 Meeting: It was MSV to receive the minutes.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes with the following amendments: p.1 last paragraph, "Sevoyan Bequest Committee," line 1 - change "institute" to "recommend," and on line 2 after the word "service," add: "if the staff would prepare a written proposal for the Councils consideration and approval." p. 2: 3rd sentence from the end, change "accept the correspondence" to "receive the correspondence."

All in favor to accept the minutes, as amended.

Public Forum: Jean Hopkins, President of the League of Women Voters, Spoke on home health care and the need for respite care for families who are Caring for elders in their homes. John will look into the matter and prepare a statement for the next Board meeting.

COA/ASA/Assisted Living/Housing Options Task Force Representative to Symmes Advisory Committee: A biography of Ms. Cindy Friedman, 130 Jason St, Arlington, a candidate for the above position was distributed. John said it also has to go to the ASA Board and the Assisted Living Task Force. Harry moved that we approve the appointment of Ms. Friedman as our Representative to the Symmes Advisory Committee and request that she meet with the Council at her earliest convenience. Hannah seconded. All in favor.

## REPORTS

ASA Representative to the COA: Gloria von Hyeburg reported that the ASA board voted to give \$500 to the Lifeline Subsidy Fund. At the ASA March meeting the check will be presented to the COA Representative to the ASA, Mildred Hurd, or in her absence, to Hannah Simon. The ASA Board has invited Cindy Friedman to meet with the board prior to endorsing her as ASA representative to the Symmes Advisory Board.

Executive Directors Report:

°Upcoming training session "Board Training" offered by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs will be held at the Burlington COA on April 9 from 9-12.

°We should consider COA Board liaison to the Selectmens office.

Finance Committee: No report.

Sevovan Bequest Committee: No report. The February 12 meeting did not have a quorum. The next meeting is March 12.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

°Transportation Report: At 8:30 Patsy Kraemer joined the meeting and presented 3 scenarios for van service for FY 03: (a) COA only vans; (b) SCM vans; and c) combination of COA (1 van) and SCM. It was agreed that further information is needed to arrive at a decision and John will work with the Finance and Transportation Committees to pull together the required data.

Richard moved that the matter be tabled for a subsequent meeting; Mary seconded. All in favor.

°RUOK Program Update: Richard reported that John met with the Police Department concerning the implementation and funding of the RUOK program for Arlington seniors. RUOK is a computerized monitoring system operated from the Police Department in which a subscriber would get a computerized call daily at a specified time. If the party doesn't respond after three attempts, someone would be assigned to follow up. The Arl. Housing Authority has approved 50% (\$2500) of the amount required to set up the program.

Harry moved to allocate \$2500 from the special Gift Fund for a one-time contribution to the program; Shirley seconded. Harry moved that we approve the expenditure of \$2500 from the Special Gift Fund for the RUOK Program to the Police Department with the condition that the program be reviewed and reported on to the Council after one year of

operation and, further, that the Police Department understand that this is a one-time expenditure, Shirley seconded. All in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

°Annual CDBG Status Report/Meeting Dates/COA Request for FY03 Funding.

Harry moved and Hannah seconded that we receive the status report and Request for FY2003 Community Development Block Grant Funding for Clients of the Arlington Council on Aging.

The Board of Selectmen have scheduled a

Hearing on March 18, 2002 for the acceptance of proposals for CDBG funds for the program year beginning July 1, 2002.

Harry moved that we approve the Status Report and COA Request for FY2003 CDBG funding, amended by including a request for \$5000 funding for the Lifeline Subsidy Program and inserting Harry McCabes name on page 03-6 Of the Request. Hannah seconded the motion. All in favor.

°Dottie Nicholas asked the Council to consider having someone trained on the use of external defibrillator pads in the event of someone going into cardiac arrest and left a video on the subject with John for further reference.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was MSV to adjourn.

Adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Shirley Chapski,  
Council Secretary

Date of next Meeting, March 21, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.