

## Arlington Council on Aging Meeting Minutes February 18, 2016

**Present:** Mara Klein Collins, Jim Munsey, Noreen Murphy, Sue Culhane, Ann Fitzgerald, Paul Raia and Marge Vanderhill.

Associate members present: Karen Nichols and Bob Tosi

I. Call to order: The regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board was called to order by Jim Munsey at 6:07PM on February 18, 2016, at 27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA.

Citizen's Open Forum: No one present.

II. Old Business: Ann reported on a meeting of the Capital Planning Committee regarding the lack of housing in Arlington. Elders sharing housing was one of the suggestions. Bob Tosi mentioned zoning is a point of contention.

A. Feasibility study. No update as yet. The next meeting will be February 25, 2016. Christine Bongiorno will advocate that 200K be put back into the budget for architectural plans.

B. Vision 20/20: Results are due in early April. Julie Brazile will report to the COA.

C. Laura Munsey is working on the Newsletter.

D. Paul Raia reported on the requirements to attain the status of an Aging Friendly Community. He will bring in a copy of the workbook and Susan will look into having partner college interns assist in study and goals.

III. Report of the Chair: See Feasibility Study and Vision 20/20 above.

IV. Executive Director's Report

A. Work is continuing on a community wide program involving local banks and seniors. Scams of seniors continue to be a problem.

B. Ken Greenly, President of the Friends of COA, reported the \$14,500 requested would be funded. Jim and Susan will investigate particulars.

C. Susan is examining different options for transportation. Jim will assist. Unlike other communities, Arlington provides no funding for a driver.

D. Mark Waksmonski, the COA nurse, may be participating in a program to reach out to seniors who have phoned emergency dispatch for medical or non-medical issues. The purpose of the program will be to connect individual to potential other services as well as considered a well-being follow up.

V. Other Reports

A. Minuteman Senior Services, Bob Tosi reporting.

The current director is retiring and a search committee has been formed.

B. Friends of the COA. See director's report.

VI. Minutes of the January 21, 2015, were accepted. The line under new business, "It was noted this was done years ago with minimal results," was deleted as requested by Karen Nichols.

VII. New Business: The Senior Center cannot be accredited in its present condition.

VIII. Other Business: Jim Munsey gave the COA presentation to the Arlington Senior Association "Coffee and Conversation" on January 25<sup>th</sup>. About twenty were present. The ASA wants to be more involved in the work of the COA. Ann Fitzgerald suggested the ASA keep track of the number of hours they volunteer.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.