

Arlington Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes November 19, 2015

Present: Jim Munsey, Noreen Murphy, Sue Culhane, Dick Phelps, Paul Raia, Ann Fitzgerald, Jill Greenlee and Marge Vanderhill.
Associate members present: Karen Nichols and Bob Tosi

Absent: Mara Klein Collins

I. Call to order: The regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board was called to order by Jim Munsey at 6:01PM on November 19, 2015, at 27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA.

II. Citizen's Open Forum: No one present.

IV. Old Business, Jim Munsey opened with first

A. Goals 2015/2016

1. More contacts are needed with other Arlington groups, including "The Arlington Advocate", ACMI. etc.
2. Submission for action by Town Meeting must be submitted between December 7, 2015 and January 29, 2016. Harry Barber and the service program were mentioned.
3. Senior Center: Bricks on the walkway present a fall hazard and the doors are difficult to open. The Redevelopment Board is the landlord of the building. A subcommittee was formed and it was recommended a letter be drafted and sent to the Town Manager, Town Lawyer, and Christine Bongiorno, the Director of Health and Human Services. The ASA may also be drawn in as advocates for repairs.
4. The presentation to the Board of Selectmen needs to be updated.

B. Vision 20/20

After much discussion back and forth the survey questions were finalized.

V. Executive Director's Report

A. There will be a retirement party for Donald Boudreau, our fulltime van driver, on December 2, 2015, from 10AM to Noon at the Lyons Hearing Room in the Town Hall.

B. Expense budgets are due /submitted to Christine Bongiorno, the director of Health and Human Services. We are level funded.

C. Six nurses from various institutions are finishing up their semester at the Senior Center and have created fall programs and presentations that were filmed at ACMI.

D. Christine Bongiorno is now the chair for the Senior Center Feasibility Study conducted by Sterling Associates.

E. There has been a significant increase in scams targeting seniors that have resulted in a high use of staff time. A scam page is available on the Arlington Police website.

III. Jill Greenlee submitted minutes from the October 15, 2015, meeting. It was voted to approve the minutes after the following changes:

A. Under the Executive Director's report, the discussion by Minuteman Senior Services was "By your side" not "At your side" as previously recorded.

B. Under New Business, Noreen Murphy seconded the request to approve funding for the Savoyan Personal Fund, not Ann Bender.

VI. Other Reports

A. Minuteman Senior Services liaison: no report from Bob Tosi.

B. Friends of the COA can use help with their "Stocking Stuffer" program. Contact Bill Murphy if we can help deliver to homes.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 7PM.