

## Arlington Council on Aging Meeting Minutes February 15, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Mara Klein Collins, Jim Munsey, Rick Fentin, Paul Raia, Dick Phelps, Jill Greenlee, and Susan Carp, ED.

**Associate Board Members Present:** Bob Tosi, Karen Nichols

**Absent:** Noreen Murphy, Ann Fitzgerald, Marge Vanderhill, Joseph Curro - Selectman representative.

A. Call to order: The regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board was called to order by Mara Klein Collins at 6:03PM on February 15, 2018 at 27 Maple St., Arlington, MA.

B. Citizens open forum. No speakers.

C. Susan explained receipt of the \$150,000 Earmark awarded through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA). The COA was one of 15 COA's in the commonwealth to receive this and the highest in the state. She presented the first draft of a proposed list of programs, transportation, equipment, building improvement, supplies and contract employment to be funded by the grant which has been submitted to EOEA

D. Julie Waymen, CDBG Grant Administrator will present the requests to the Selectmen on February 26, 2018. Susan will be appearing before the Board of Selectmen regarding the Council On Aging CDBG grant from the town. Board members were encouraged to show support and attend that meeting on February 26, 2018 at 7 pm.

E. Minutes of January 18, 2018 reviewed. Karen Nichols asked for one change: item #7 under Executive Director's Report to change "AARP" to "AARP tax preparers". The board approved the change. Paul moved to accept the minutes. Rick seconded and the board unanimously approved the modified minutes.

F. Report of the Executive Director

1. Plans for Bill Murphy's staff luncheon on February 15 and an open house reception for Bill on February 20 were reviewed. All board members were invited to the open house reception.
2. The position of Supervisor, Volunteer Services / Transportation Coordinator is posted.
3. Ten additional SNAP applications were submitted. The fuel assistance program received two generous donations so a onetime payment was issued for ten households, with a total impact of 26 Arlington residents.
4. The "Senior Work Off Program" has had four additional applications.
5. The RFP for driveway reconstruction was sent out to bid for a construction start in May.
6. Age Friendly Arlington presentations are being made to various organizations with surveys started.

7. Various race dates in September were discussed for submission to the Board of Selectmen. Additional research will be done to determine any conflicting events: town day, other major races, etc. Running clubs should be contacted for more runner participation. A volunteer group will be formed to organize and manage the race instead of the board.

G. Old Business:

Three board members terms will end this June: Mara Klein Collins, Richard Phelps and Ann Fitzgerald. Members are asked to reach out to others who could add value to the board with related experience: a town meeting member, nurse, and senior services were suggested. Board openings will be publicized in the Arlington Advocate, on the Town website, via social media as well as through town publications.

H. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.