

Arlington Council on Aging Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015

Present: Mara Klein Collins, Sue Culhane, Annette Bender, Jim Munsey, Noreen Murphy, Dick Phelps, Ingeborg Reichenbach and Marge Vanderhill. Associate Members present: Karen Nichols, Ann Fitzgerald and Bob Tosi, Jr.

Absent: Paul Raia

- I. Call to order** - Mara called to order the regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board at 5:45PM on April 16, 2015 at 27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA. Jim Munsey volunteered to record the minutes of this meeting.
- II. Citizen's Open Forum** – No one present.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting** - The board reviewed the minutes from the December 18, 2014 and March 19, 2015 meetings. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Report of the Chair**
 - a) CDBG funding cut issue was resolved following the March 19, 2015 board meeting. Further discussions with the town management and FINCOM will be held in the last half of 2015.
 - b) Senior Notes newsletter reformatting to continue by Susan Carp and Mara.
 - c) FINCOM meeting was held March 11, 2015 that included discussion of the COA Transportation Enterprise Fund. Discussed the Symmes grant of \$15,000 and \$30,000 and the reserve fund. Discrepancies between various line item dollars, and the time lines that cause those differences were explained by Susan Carp.
 - d) Proposal was made by the Chair to form a sub-committee to hold discussions with the FINCOM to better understand the financing of the COA and its activities. Majority approval was given to form the sub-committee. Jim, Mara and Ann volunteered to be on the sub-committee. Timing to attend meetings, November.
- V. Executive Director's Report**
 - a) Widow's Trust program now administered by Susan was explained.

- b) Emphasis on growing the intergenerational aspects of the COA was briefly discussed and deemed to be a direction the organization wants to adopt.
- c) Susan's pre-meeting report was reviewed with some discussion of the ACMI programming and turnover of nursing interns.

VI. Other Reports

- d) Friends Of The Arlington Council On Aging – On April 27, 2015, the Friends board members will be appearing before the Board of Selectmen seeking approval of September 27, 2015 for their annual 5K race. COA Board members were encouraged to show up and support the Friends at this BOS meeting.
- e) Bob Tosi informed the board that the next open session to learn about Minuteman Senior Services will be held May 12, 2015 from 2:00-3:30PM in Lexington.

VII. New Business

- f) Mara proposed a nominating committee be formed to help fill the two open positions that will occur this year. Sue will head the committee. Susan was asked to coordinate with the town to publicize the two board vacancies. Susan to check with the Selectman's office re: the end of terms for Mara and Dick. Mara and Dick both indicated that if their terms end in June they will stay on for another three years.
- a) Discussion of Vision 20/20 was tabled until the next meeting when Paul is in attendance.

VIII. Adjourned at 6:51PM