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COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

DATE: Monday, May 5, 2014

SENIOR CENTER – AUDUBON DRIVE

Present: Barbara Willson, Chair; Charlie Aaronson, Vice Chair; Sharon Mercurio, Director; Sally Thompson, Treasurer; Steve Baran, Ann Corcoran, Connie Ingram; Marion Maxwell; Paul Turner; Mike Gowing, Liaison Board of Selectmen; Norma Wu, Liaison Friends of COA.

Guest: Bonnie Lobel

Absent: Franny Osman

Materials distributed:

Meeting Agenda-Barbara Willson

Director's Report April 2014 -Sharon Mercurio

Minutes of April 7 meeting for review-Connie Ingram

Public Workshop flyer for Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative

Call To Order – Barbara Willson: Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Minutes of April 7, 2014 Meeting- Connie Ingram

After careful review and revision, a motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Sharon Mercurio

Sharon presented her report to the Board. (See report for details).

One of the van drivers has resigned after a period of absence due to illness. During this absence there was a reduction in van service to three days per week, (a decrease from the usual five days per week). A temporary van driver to fill this position begins next week. This unfortunate reduction in van service resulted in some seniors experiencing an inability to travel to their exercise classes on Mondays and Tuesdays. TransAction Associates begins operation of the shuttle system on July 1.

Kitchen renovations are on the horizon for this summer. Logistics of rearranging space so the work in the dining area can occur are under consideration at this time.

Three evening meetings on Hoarding have been planned for May to be held in the Acton Public Safety Building. The first was held on Thursday, May 1. The next two meetings will be held on May 8 and May 15 from 6-8pm.

Announcements:

Charlie Aaronson-At the Town meeting the Charter was changed which affects the COA Board as follows: there are to be 9 board members and 2 associate members. Associate members can be designated voting members during those meetings in which a quorum of board members is not present. Membership in all boards is for a three year term.

Ann Corcoran- board members are welcome to contribute money toward the staff appreciation flowers.

Barbara Willson-There will be a meeting on May 28 in the Acton Memorial Library of the democratic candidates in upcoming local elections.

Old Business:

Ann Corcoran- Plans for the June "salad bar" luncheon were discussed. Ann circulated a sign-up sheet for board members to volunteer to assist with the luncheon.

Barbara Willson – Ideas for increasing seniors' awareness of the COA board. COA staff will construct a bulletin board for the Senior Center with photos and brief biographical information about the COA board members.

New Business:

The new officer slate for the COA Board for fiscal year 2014-2015 is under development. Sally Thompson has been tasked with creating the slate. Members of the board are encouraged to volunteer their names. Alternatively, Sally will contact individuals to assess their interest in being named on the slate. By the close of the meeting the slate of candidate officers was: Chair- (no name); Vice-Chair–Steve Baran; Treasurer-Sally Thompson; Secretary-Barbara Willson.

Liaison Reports

Minuteman Senior Services – Charlie Aaronson reported that Minuteman recently honored their volunteers. They also are holding workshops on financial management.

The Commission on Disabilities – Steve Baran had no new information to report.

Acton 2020 – Ann Corcoran provided a flyer to board members on the Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative Public Workshop on May 7 from 7:30-9:30 at McCarthy-Towne School.

Legislative Interests- Paul Turner had no new information to report.

Board of Selectmen – Mike Gowing announced that he will be unable to continue in the Liaison position to the COA, as he is the new Chair of the BOS.

Mike announced that Christine Joyce is retiring after 40 years and Lisa Tomyl is her replacement.

The Selectmen have not yet determined their liaison assignments.

Senior Tax Relief Committee - Barbara Willson called the Acton assessor (Brian McMullen) and stated that the COA Board is interested in approaching Jamie Eldridge regarding a statewide solution. Brian agreed to let Barbara and Marion know when the tax relief committee would meet in May.

Friends of the COA-Norma Wu stated that the Friends have reissued their appeal letter and that only 10% of Acton seniors donate.

The Friends are showcasing their committee this month by wearing specially labeled name tags at the Senior Center. Work on the fall fair is ongoing with a few changes.

Adjournment: at 4:15. Next meeting is June 2, 2014 at 3pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Thompson