

**COUNCIL ON AGING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016**

Present: Council on Aging Members Irving Goldberg, Jack Jordan, Jean Nousse, Virginia McIntyre, Ernest Cornelssen, Mary Gaffney and Council on Aging Director Lynne Waterman,

Absent: Marijo Gorney, Norah McCormick, Outreach Coordinator Darlene Perkins

Also Present: David Egel, Candidate for Vacancy on the Council on Aging

Chairman Irving Goldberg opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2016

Motion: Ernie Cornelssen moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2016, seconded by Jean Nousse. Vote unanimous 6-0

APPOINTMENTS AND HEARINGS

Public Comments

None

Interview of Candidate for the Council on Aging Board

The Director read a letter of interest from David Egel regarding the vacancy on the Council on Aging. Mr. Egel gave his background and his interest in being on the Council. The members asked him several questions and thanked him for coming to their meeting. The Chair stated that a vote will be taken by the Council on Aging members at their April meeting regarding a recommendation for the board vacancy.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lynne Waterman, Director, distributed her report for the month of February. She noted she met with several leaders of various ongoing activities. She and the Outreach Coordinator met with the VNA nurse who conducts the Ask a Nurse program. She also reported she and the Outreach Coordinator met with a person who is proposing to conduct the Kindness Rocks Art Workshop at the Senior Center.

The Director and the Outreach Coordinator and van drivers continue to meet monthly. She thanked DPW staff who did repairs on the vehicle and stated the CCRTA staff performed their annual inspection.

The Director thanked the DPW who performed several repairs on the building such as replacing ceiling lights and also fixing the frozen pipe in the handicapped bathroom during the cold weather in February and added insulation to this area. She reported the copier is nine years old and needed to be serviced again

The Director congratulated the Outreach Coordinator, Darlene Perkins, who was recognized by the Town as the Employee of the Month. She also congratulated the mature worker receptionist who graduated from the program and resigned to accept permanent employment. She noted this training position may not be filled for several months. She said the Principal Clerk and Office Assistant are taking a training course on Access thru the Cape Cod Community College.

The Director reviewed several meetings she attended: Department head, Staff, Parkinson's Support Network of Cape Cod Board of Directors and program subcommittee, COAST, Mashpee Cares, and Mashpee Human Services Committee.

The Director also said she met with the property tax work off participants, staff from the Barnstable County Sheriff's Department, participated in a webinar on national mental health coalitions and met with staff to review and update the newsletter mailing process.

The Director stated her goals are to plan new activities with the Activity Coordinator, continue update of computer drive and begin planning for volunteer recognition event.

Treasurer Report

The Director distributed the Treasurer's report for the month of February and reviewed the figures with the members.

Outreach Coordinator Report

In the absence of the Outreach Coordinator, Darlene Perkins, the Director distributed the Outreach Coordinator Report for February. She highlighted her home visits, health insurance issues, housing issues and filling out housing applications, fuel assistance, hoarding issues, and the mailbox stickers program. The Director also noted the Outreach Coordinator met with the domestic violence officer from Mashpee Police Department and the brown bag program had 30 participants with 7 volunteers.

The Outreach coordinator meets monthly with volunteers, 11 Mashpee residents turned 90+ and received flowers, met with 2 new matches made for Friendly Visitors and telephone a friend.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

The Director distributed the Volunteer Coordinator report for the months of January and February. The Volunteer Coordinator has been busy interviewing and placing volunteers in positions. She has signed up for a course through the Boston University Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research. She also attended a Volunteer Managers Skills and Tools Workgroup meeting which enable the sharing processes and policies with other Councils on Aging.

Activity Coordinator Report

No Report at this time.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Director reported that Mass Council on Aging put out an RFP and is looking to have large communities or regional collaborations work on mental health issues. They are hoping to have 3 across the state with up to \$225,000 per area for large communities who have at least 8,000 seniors.

The Director explained the process for appointing a new member to the Council on Aging. The Committee interviews the candidate and then sends a recommendation for the Board of Selectmen who would make their appointment based on the recommendation of this board. The Town would then send a letter to the candidate informing him of his appointment.

It was noted that on March 10, at 11:00 a.m., the Friends of the Council on Aging will be receiving the Thanks for Giving Award thru the Human Services Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Daigneault
Recording Secretary