

Minutes from the Groton Council on Aging Board Meeting
November 2, 2015

Members Present: Maydelle Gamester, Marie Melican, Gail Chalmers, Ellen Baxendale, George Faircloth, Richard Martin, Gail Chalmers, Charlotte Carkin

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Kathy Santiago,

Others Present: Peter Cunningham, Selectman Liaison

Open Meeting: Meeting called to order by Maydelle Gamester at 9:30am

Minutes: May minutes presented by Gail Chalmers. Minutes were review and a motion to accept was called by Marie Melican, 2nd by Maydelle Gamester. All unanimous approval accepted.

Treasurer's Report: COA October 2015 Expense Summary was reviewed by the board and Director Shelp. The board also agreed to not sign monthly COA and van expenses but will continue to have majority signatures for the COA Gift account. Also, the director will report monthly expenses to the COA Board.

Motion to Accept was called by Ellen Baxendale, 2nd by George Faircloth. All unanimous approval accepted.

Stacey Shepard-Jones Outreach Coordinator was not present (Kathy Shelp gave her report): Home visits to residents 90 and older were initiated in Groton however, the outreach coordinator met with resistance from these residents. To earn residents trust Stacey will join with the fire dept. to initiate home visits with smoke detector program.

Stacey also learned that the home care services in all of Massachusetts are not state regulated. More information to come.

Kathy Santiago-Activities/Volunteer Coordinator:

Walking has started - slow and steady

Craft classes are going well

Movies are getting a bigger audience.

Alpaca Farm tour was a great success.

Lunches are back in full swing.

Gibbet Hill tickets are available today.

Art Matters will start up. Museum quality prints will come to the senior center.

Kathy Shelp: Director

The Selectman has requested an overview of what the board is working on for the year. Gail Chalmers has agreed to provide a report at the Nov. 16 Selectman's meeting.

Kathy and Senior Center Employees went to MCOA conference. This 2 day various seminar program covered various programs that will benefit Groton Seniors.

A new van driver has been hired. He will start as soon as he is ratified.

Motion to accept Directors/Outreach/Activities report by Marie Melican, 2nd by George Faircloth, unanimous approval accepted.

Ellen Baxendale requested the COA promotes the GPS tracker that is worn by many seniors living alone. She endorsed the unit she wears which can be gotten at Walmart.

Next Board of Directors meeting TBD

Motion to close the meeting was made by Maydelle Gamester, 2nd by Marie Melican . All unanimous approval accepted.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Secretary
Groton Council of Aging
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