

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging  
Board Meeting  
November 7, 2016

Members Present: Norma Garvin, Richard Marton, Jean Sheedy, Gail Chalmers, Vera Strickland, Ellen Baxendale, Helen Sienkiewicz

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp

Others Present: Peter Cunningham, Selectman  
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Open Meeting: Gail Chalmers opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 26 meeting submitted by Helen Sienkiewicz. Minutes reviewed and a motion to accept was called by Vera Strickland, 2nd by Norma Garvin. All unanimous approval accepted.

Kathy Shelp went over the Profit and Loss Report and explained certain details to those present. Motion to accept was made by Norma Garvin, 2nd by Helen Sienkiewicz. All unanimous approval accepted.

Stacey Shepard Jones out sick, no report given concerning Outreach Program.

Kathy Santiago not present but Kathy Shelp gave a report on the current activities at the C.O.A. including new craft activities and a wonderful presentation by Capt. Susan Daley and her family's adoption of their three sons given during the Nashoba Tech Luncheon.

Kathy Shelp also reviewed the Goals she and her staff has for 2017.

Peter Cunningham started the conversation about the Feasibility Study. He spoke of putting off, and investigating where we go forward.

He also spoke about the new seven person group, Feasibility Oversight Committee, on how to strategize and make progress. It is necessary that these members understand the architects report. We need to move quickly to come to a decision. He also spoke of the importance of getting word out of the activities of the C.O.A.

Jean Sheedy spoke of the four corners area for a possible sight. There is a sewerage issue with this area that is about to be improved upon.

Other points of interest discussed:

1. Education of town population.
2. The possible issue with the Prescott School and the town's investment in the C.O.A.

Kathy Shelp spoke about the need for the Seniors population to get the information about their feelings and needs.

It was suggested that the Seniors speak to the Selectmen about our concerns and issues.

Jean Sheedy mentioned for us to get a list out of all the different groups that use the C.O.A. building.

The date for the next Board of Directors meeting is December 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to close meeting was made by Norma Garvin, 2nd by Gail Chalmers.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Helen Sienkiewicz

Secretary

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