

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging
Board Meeting
December 5, 2016

Members Present: Jean Sheedy, Ed Wenzell,
Gail Chalmers, Norma Garvin, George Faircloth,
Ellen Baxendale, Helen Sienkiewicz, Vera
Strickland

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Kathy Santiago

Others Present: Peter Cunningham, Selectman
Lason

Open Meeting: Meeting called to order by
Gail Chalmers at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes from November 7, presented
by Helen Sienkiewicz. Minutes were reviewed
and a motion to accept by Ed Wenzell,
2nd by George Faircloth. All unanimous
approval accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Shelp presented
the Treasurer's Report. Veggie peelers were
accounted for.

Kathy mentioned the placemats that were
missed at the Gibbett Hill dinner. Hope
to have them return this year. Motion to
accept was made by Vera Strickland,
2nd by Norma Garvin. All unanimous
approval accepted.

Outreach Coordinator Report:

Stacey Shepard-Jones not present. Kathy Shelp spoke about the increasing amount of work that Stacey handles with Shine. She also mentioned Stacey working on a resource sheet to be helpful for seniors to locate all types of assistance.

Activities/Volunteer Coordinator: Kathy Santiago stated that all is well in the Activity/Volunteer world. A new Lunch and Learn program was started. A wonderful harpist performed at the first meeting.

The tiles craft class has been a big success.

Directors Report: Kathy Shelp passed out copies of the questionnaire that will be included in the Town Census.

Friday, December 9, there will be an 8:00 a.m. meeting of the Feasibility Oversight Committee and it would be helpful for all to attend.

Kathy mentioned the Prescott Committee proposal, not yet set in stone.

We were given copies of a letter written by Janet Landry Shea to the Selectmen concerning her thoughts about the C.O.A. Center.

We were presented with copies of a questionnaire from the COA concerning issues involving the Feasibility Committee. Gail Chalmers mentioned the possibility of false information being given around town.

George Faircloth asked the question of whether the F.O.C. is strictly an advisory group. Peter Cunningham explained that it is.

Jean Sheedy presented her letter of concern about the traffic issues on Route 119. She also suggested that we all write our concerns to either the local papers or the Board of Selectmen.

Jean also had wonderful suggestions such as bumper stickers, in support of the Senior population. Peter Cunningham thought it best, for now, to keep that on the back burner.

The date of the next Board of Directors meeting is January 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to close the meeting was made by George Faircloth, 2nd by Norma Garvin. All unanimous approval accepted.

Respectfully Submitted by
Nelen Stenkiewicz, Secretary, Broton C.O.A.
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