

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging
Board Meeting
February 6, 2017

Members Present: Norma Garvin, Vera Strickland,
George Faircloth, Ed Wenzell, Richard Marton,
Ellen Baxendale, Helen Sienkiewicz

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp

Other's Present: Peter Cunningham, Selectman Liason

Open Meeting: Meeting called to order by
Kathy Shelp at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes from January 9, presented
by Helen Sienkiewicz. Minutes were reviewed
and a motion to accept by George Faircloth,
2nd by Ed Wenzell. All unanimous approval
accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Prepared by George Faircloth.
Kathy Shelp reported that we are doing well.
The van trips to Boston have increased.
Motion to accept report by Vera Strickland,
2nd by Norma Garvin. All unanimous
approval accepted.

Outreach Coordinator Report: Given by Kathy
Shelp. A resident in town, Gloria Moran,
passed away and requested that in lieu
of flowers, that donations be made for
additional fuel assistance.

Activities/Volunteer Coordinator: All programs
going well. Hindu Temple meeting full up
and expanded.

Women's Club Luncheon well attended. Pizza and a Movie also well attended. Norma Garvin mentioned the great success of the tile craft. There is a large supply of donated colored glass, to hopefully be utilized in a craft program.

Kathy Shelp spoke to the Jay Darrin trip "regulars" and they are very willing to continue with trips even at a price increase.

Director's Report: Kathy Shelp spoke of a possible program, "A Matter of Balance," hopefully to be combined with the Pepperell COA. It would be a ten week program to instruct seniors on how to improve their balance.

Peter Cunningham spoke of issues concerning the new COA construction site. Several sites are being considered for various reasons. George Faircloth questioned the "dragging of feet" throughout the process. Kathy spoke of her concerns at the Prescott School. She also mentioned that we need to define the term "community center."

Ed Wenzell spoke of friends who have no idea or concern about a "senior center" construction plans. Perhaps if we use the term "community center" it may be more acceptable.

Richard Marton asked about a cost for a second access at the current COA

location. It would not be exorbitant.
There are four information sessions
remaining in the weeks to come.

Kathy encouraged anyone who has
not attended a session, to please
attend.

Motion to accept the Director's and
Staff reports was made by George
Faircloth, 2nd by Vera Strickland. All
unanimous approval accepted.

Next meeting will be March 6, 2017 at 9:30
a.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Helen Sienkiewicz, Secretary.
Groton C.O.A.
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