

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging
Board Meeting
April 10, 2017

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

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard-Jones,
Kathy Santiago

Open Meeting: Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.
by Gail Chalmers

Minutes: Minutes from the March 28 meeting
were presented by Helen Sienkiewicz. Minutes
were reviewed and a motion to accept by
Vera Strickland, 2nd by Norma Garvin.
All unanimous approval accepted.

Kathy Shelp passed out copies of both articles
concerning the possibility of obtaining a new
Senior Center in Groton.

The main reasons for needing a new
center in town are:

1. Substandard conditions at the current center.
2. Growth in the senior population.
3. Program limitations.

George Faircloth made a motion that we
support Article 10 at Town Meeting, 2nd
by Helen Sienkiewicz. All unanimous
approval accepted.

We talked at length about the pros and cons of purchasing the Farmer's Row site in Article 9.

Richard Marton proposed that we make a statement to let the Town be aware of our position on the Farmer's Row article.

The statement is:

"The COA Board of Directors supports the placement of Article #9 on the warrant to give voters a location choice for a Senior Center. However, we are not comfortable with the additional tax payer burden on property acquisition that is a mere two miles from the current site."

George Faircloth made a motion to make the statement public, 2nd by Norma Garvin. All unanimous approval accepted.

Bail Chalmers will send the statement to the committees involved in the project and also to Town Hall.

George Faircloth will compose a letter to be sent to the Groton Herald.

Next meeting will be May 1, at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Ellen Baxendale, 2nd by Vera Strickland.

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