

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging
Board Meeting
May 1, 2017

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

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

Others Present: Peter Cunningham, Selectman Liason

Open Meeting: Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Kathy Shelp

Peter Cunningham spoke of a possible motion to reconsider the outcome of last weeks vote at Town Meeting concerning the new Senior Center. It is up to the Moderator to make the decision concerning new information. George Faircloth spoke to the Friends of Prescott to concentrate on deciding what to do with the building. Kathy Shelp mentioned the ninety plus seniors that sat for four and a half hours to express their opinion and vote on the issue of the Senior Center.

Minutes: Minutes from the April 10 meeting were presented by Helen Sienkiewicz. Minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept by George Faircloth, 2nd by Norma Garvin.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Shelp explained the report of two month's expenses and income.

Peter Cunningham mentioned that after May 16, provided that Question 2 passes, there will be a town fund established for anyone to donate toward the new Senior Center project.

Outreach Report: Stacey Shepard-Jones reports that there is \$29,026 in the fuel assistance fund. Emergency preparedness information almost complete. An "outcome" survey was distributed to various residents on Stacey's performance. There will be more information available next month. Outreach Pamphlet has been worked on to distribute to the public. Catholic Heart information finally printed in the Groton Herald. "Medical Companion" program to assist residents when going on medical visits. Jean Sheedy mentioned a possible need for a Cory check, as Norma Garvin addressed a possible insurance issue.

Activity/Volunteer Report: Kathy Santiago spoke of Jay Darrin's possible last trip. George mentioned the work of the "Groton Neighborhood Program." Nashoba Tech luncheon went well. Swimming program is presently full to capacity. The Long Term Care PM program went very well. Gay Nineties coming up on May 17, great event.

Director's Report: Kathy mentioned the police picnic will be held on June 7. Friends of Groton Elders will be holding an informational session on Thursday, May 18.

They hope to create an awareness of their work and support in town.

Next meeting will be held on June 5, at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Ellen Baxendale, 2nd by George Faircloth.

Respectfully Submitted by
Helen Stenkiewicz, Secretary
Grafton Council On Aging
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