

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging  
Board Meeting  
June 5, 2017

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

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Kathy Santiago

Open Meeting: Gail Chalmers called the meeting  
to order at 9:46 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 1 meeting  
were presented by Helen Sienkiewicz. They  
were reviewed and a motion to accept by  
Ed Wenzell and 2nd by Norma Garvin.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Shelp presented the  
Treasurer's Report. Groton Elders will be  
setting up a building fund. We will be  
able to use those funds as a facility resource.  
Tall Ships will be making about a \$400.-  
income for the COA. Van upkeep fees  
were paid. An add<sup>(ed)</sup> in the Groton Herald  
was purchased. We currently receive \$10.-  
per senior over the age of 60. state formula  
Grant Support

Director's Report: There will be a new meditation  
class on Friday afternoons, Kathy Shelp  
reported. A new Health Series will be  
starting in September (10 weeks) on Thursday  
mornings.

The Hudson Valley trip in October should be a very educational trip. The local Boy Scouts donated three new picnic tables for the garden area. The Accessibility Committee will meet here on June 12 at 4 p.m.

Outreach/Volunteer Program: Kathy Santiago reported that the Lunch & Learn program is going well. Nashoba Tech luncheon also went well. Bay Nineties luncheon was a big hit. The stained glass class is very popular. It will be suspended for the summer. Groton Swim is now being held at the Country Club. Irving Berlin series was very enjoyable. Police Picnic is at full capacity at 120. Waitlist still growing.

Bail Chalmers thanked Vera Strickland for the past eight years of her serving on this Board. We are all very thankful.

Norma Garvin brought up the question of the Groton Herald's editorial about misquoting Kathy Shelp, concerning the new Senior Center. Peter Cunningham spoke of the committee having discussions about moving forward. George Faircloth is working on coming up with the figures from the ballot questions.

Motion to accept the Director's and Staff reports was made by Ellen Baxendale and 2nd by Norma Garvin. All unanimous approval accepted.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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