

# Minutes from the Council On Aging

Board Meeting

March 19, 2018

Members Present: Norma Garvin, Ed Wenzell, Jean Sheedy, George Faircloth, Peter Cunningham, Helen Sienkiewicz

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

Others Present: Marlana Gilbert. Liason School Committee

Open Meeting: Helen called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the February 27 meeting were presented by Helen Sienkiewicz. They were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Peter Cunningham, 2nd by George Faircloth. All unanimous approval accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Shelp explained the report to us. The Women's Club enjoyed their luncheon here last week.

School Committee Report: Marlana stated that the school budget has been approved. She explained the importance of hiring an additional police officer to cover the schools. She also explained the possible reconstruction and new schematic changes coming in the school community. A feasibility study is hopefully to come, in the future, to improve school education. The production of "Shrek" was wonderful!

Director's Report: The new construction has changed by 19 feet, to move the building. It will be an all-electric building per GELD. Tonight, there will be a meeting of Fin Com and the Selectmen regarding the new C.O.A. On Thursday, there will be a meeting here of the prospective architectural bids. There is a concern regarding the local turtles during the construction period. Kathy has asked a "Turtle expert" to come and enlighten us on the behavior of these reptiles. Kathy gave us the most recent copies of the floor plan of new C.O.A. If a town employee is "off the clock" they are able to do fund-raising. Kathy reviewed some of the rules and regs regarding attendance at Town Meeting. It is unfortunately time for George and Ed to step down from the Board. Kathy asked for nominations to replace these two gentlemen.

Outreach Report: Stacey is working on obtaining folks who wish to use the Catholic Heart Camp workers. There is currently \$33,000+ in the fuel assistance fund. Anyone who is in need of an air conditioner may apply.

Activities/Volunteer Report: Due to weather conditions, there were many program cancellations this past month. Lunch and Learn with Dr. Laura Chesson is coming soon. The Worcester Art Museum trip is also fast approaching.

The Fire House Chili lunch will be held on March 29. Veteran's Breakfast went very well with help from volunteers.

The Kitchen never looked better thanks to Maureen Faircloth. A Monet watercolor presentation is coming up, along with two watercolor classes. On the last Veteran's Breakfast day in May, we plan to honor Chief Palma.

Next meeting will be held on April 9, at 1:00pm

Motion to accept Director's and Staff Reports was made by Ed Wenzell, 2nd by Jean Sheedy. All unanimous approval accepted.

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

Respectfully Submitted by  
Helen Sienkiewicz

Secretary

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