

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging
Board Meeting
September 17, 2018

Members Present: Norma Garvin, Jean Sheedy,
Peter Cunningham, Ellen Baxendale, Paula
Martin, Sheila Nash, Helen Sienkiewicz

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

Others Present: Marlana Gilbert-Liaison School
Committee

Meeting was opened at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 13 meeting
were presented by Helen Sienkiewicz. They
were reviewed and a motion to accept
was made by Norma, 2nd by Peter. All
unanimous approval accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Shelp reviewed the
report with us. She explained that the off-site
activities now take up so much time that
Kathy Santiago is able to work a bit more.
During the time at Lost Lake the cost of
paper products has increased during the year.

School Department Report: Marlana stated
that it looks good so far, that the school
department should be reimbursed for the
Feasibility Study. Marlana spoke at the last
Select Board meeting concerning the
possibility of more cash to be set aside

for school use, to avoid an increase of taxes she is also hoping to get more veterans involved in the schools.

Director's Report: Bone Builders classes to be both held at Lost Lake. On November 19, the Office of Elder Affairs will be here to do training at 1:00 p.m. Peter explained that the construction of the new COA is three weeks behind, but he feels they will be able to catch up. Turtles are doing well during construction. We are still without one of our van drivers. We hope to hire a local fellow soon.

Activities/Volunteer Report: Veteran's Breakfast went smoothly. Groton Fire Department has been very gracious about us using their building for activities. September 11th memorial went well. Transcendentalists Program coming up. "Lives Well Lived" will be shown next month at G.D.H.S. Gibbet Hill tickets will be available October 15.

Outreach Report: The Catholic Heart workers helped 20 families last summer. Their new director visited all of the homes before the program started, to set up dates and work. Farmer's Market sent us 30 sets of coupons to distribute. The Fuel Assistance Program total is currently at \$34,401.18

There will be a Medicare Program to be held at Lost Lake on October 18.

Motion to accept the Director's and Staff Reports was made by Paula, 2nd by Norma. All unanimous approval accepted.

New Business: Norma questioned about folks donating toward the new COA. Kathy said it is being worked on.

Next meeting will be held at Lost Lake on October 22 at 1:00p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Helen Sienkiewicz
Secretary
Groton Council On Aging
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