

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging  
Board Meeting  
May 20, 2019

Members Present: Gail Chalmers, Jean Sheedy,  
Richard Marton, Peter Cunningham, Paula Martin,  
Helen Sienkiewicz

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

Others Present: Marlana Gilbert-Liaison School Committee

Gail opened the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

It is with a tremendous amount of sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our friend, mentor and fellow Board member, Norma Garvin. She gave so much love and support to the residents and friends of the town of Groton. She was a "one in a million." We will all greatly miss her.

Minutes: Minutes from the April 22 meeting were presented by Helen Sienkiewicz. They were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Peter, 2nd by Paula. All unanimous approval accepted.

School Committee Report: MSBA program approved, so things are moving forward. Feasibility study will start soon on Flo/Re School. Marlana anticipates some cost savings during this process. The "Working Group" looked at the school department's

five year projections. There has been lots of good positive growth in the town over the past few years. More info coming in June.

Director's Report: Kathy reviewed the Profit and Loss Report. We are still without one of our regular vans, which is being repaired.

Peter spoke about the progress at the Center. There is a delay waiting for the new windows to arrive. Sheila Harrington was able to secure \$50K from the state, for the generator. Peter has done some work in obtaining more funds to supplement the generator. Kathy is still hopeful that we will be moving into the Center in October. She hopes for us to visit the site soon.

Luncheon is June 19 with music and a cash bar. Kathy is almost finished with obtaining her MA Senior Center Director certification.

Kathy has looked into perhaps having the "Purple Table" program at the restaurants in Groton.

Unfortunately, we have a need to replace our friend, Norma on the Board. Mirhan is a possible candidate. We all agreed that he would be a good addition. Peter made a motion to approve Mirhan. He was unanimously approved.

On June 26, the Senior Center will be closed.

Outreach Report: Stacey has sent out letters to residents in possible need of help from the Catholic Heart Group. She has obtained 26 completed applications.