

## COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

April 21, 2011 9:30 AM

**Present:** Chair Marilyn Hurst, Vice Chair Rose Morace, Secretary Margaret Jenkins, Mary Beth Bergeron, Ernest Blake, John Bowen, John Carey, Saul Finestone, Diane Nadeau, Joseph Occhiuti, Eleanor Stolar, Select Board Representative Rob Aseltine

**Excused:** Director Karen Michelman, Pat Camerota

**Welcome:** Chair Hurst called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Helen Keane who passed away.

**Secretary's Report:** The March minutes were accepted as sent.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was emailed with the minutes and will be filed for audit.

**Select Board:** Select Board Chairman Rob Aseltine stated that he had talked with John Bowen about the Senior Tax Reduction. The Town Treasurer is getting the numbers of how many residents would be eligible. The next step will be to present this at the Fall Town Meeting. The Town will be going "green" the first of 2012. A number of capital projects will be presented at the Town Meeting on May 10, 2011.

**Staff and Director's Report:** no report

### Committee Reports:

- Nominating:** The committee is preparing a slate of officers for presentation at the COA Annual Meeting to be held May 19, 2011.
- Advocacy** Eleanor Stolar reported that there was nothing in the Suggestion Box. After much talk regarding the extension of hours that the Center would be open, Mary Beth moved that the Center be open earlier and closed later at least 3 days a week. It was seconded and passed.
- Benefactors** No report
- By-Laws** Diane Nadeau reported that the Committee had a lengthy meeting with small suggestions such as improper wording. When finalized, the proposed changes will be presented. Their next meeting will be May 5, 2011.
- GSSI** Rose Morace reported that the Senior Services are in the black – over one million dollars. Springfield and area mayors are volunteering to serve lunches. Mary Beth asked if the GSSI determine when one needs to go to a nursing home. Rose said that each case is evaluated separately and then the decision is made.
- Legislative** John Bowen reported that the work on the preparation of the Senior Property Tax Reduction is going very well. Of those who qualify for the Circuit Breaker, the bottom 1/3 or 1/2 might qualify for the reduction. The Pioneer Valley Council has 74 pages on line. In our Town, 60% of our Seniors are living on \$20-\$30,000 a year.
- Longmeadow Update** No report
- Nutrition** Margaret Jenkins reported that today they are having their Easter lunch. Over 55 have signed up.

Over 60 Club	Peter Santos will present the second part of his presentation on Houses on the Green.
Transportation	New lettering on the van has been completed.
FOLOCA	Diane Nadeau reported that FOLOCA has money and that they are looking for suggestions.
<b>Other</b>	Shredding in June.
<b>Announcements</b>	Please email Debbie House for an invitation to attend the ground breaking for the new high school at 11am on May 6, 2011.
<b>Old Business</b>	None
<b>New Business</b>	None

Motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Jenkins, Secretary

Next Meeting on May 19, 2011 **followed by the COA Annual Meeting** once the regular meeting is adjourned.

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