

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

May 19, 2011 9:30 AM

Present: Chair Marilyn Hurst, Vice Chair Rose Morace, Secretary Margaret Jenkins, Director Karen Michelman, Ernest Blake, John Bowen, Pat Camerota, Saul Finestone, Diane Nadeau, Eleanor Stolar, Select Board Representative Rob Aseltine

Excused: John Carey, Mary Beth Bergeron, Joseph Occhiuti

Welcome: Chair Hurst called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was distributed and will be filed for audit.

Select Board: Select Board Chairman Rob Aseltine stated that he had spoken with John Bowen and there are approximately 350 homes in Longmeadow that apply for the Circuit Breaker from the State. The State maximum for the 2011 filing is \$970 for eligible households. They hope to have all the necessary data by the end of June. They plan to make the presentation at the Fall Town Meeting. John Bowen will compose a letter to be put in the "Voice" regarding the Senior Property Tax Relief. Rob Aseltine said that in Strategic Planning there is an Open Space Task Force 5 year action plan re walking paths, exercise stations, CPA money and Fitness for Seniors.

Staff and Director's Report: Director Karen Michelman reported that under the Home Modification Fund 2 applications have been processed and that 4 or 5 are getting estimates. The Veterans web site is ready to go. Mr. Richard Theriault is the new Longmeadow Veterans Agent and will have an office in town. A new conference table and new chairs are to be purchased soon. There are plans to have a booth at Long Meddowe Days. Next month will be the Volunteers' Luncheon. The Center will sponsor free paper shredding of small quantities for Seniors on a trial basis. If successful, it will be offered on a regular basis. Our nurse Pat Barkman, RN will be leaving her position on June 30, 2011.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy Eleanor Stolar reported that there was nothing in the Suggestion Box and nobody complains.

Benefactors No report

By-Laws Diane Nadeau, By-Laws Committee Chair, reported that the Committee had met and revamped the By-Laws. Diane typed the changes and passed out a draft of the proposed revised By-Laws as well as a copy of the current By-Laws to each Board member. The By-Laws Committee instructed the Board to read both and then we would be able to see the differences. Chair Hurst asked if the reasons for each change are also included in the handouts. Diane said no. At our meeting on June 16, 2011, we agreed that the main agenda item will be By-Laws.

GSSI Rose Morace reported that 14 paid drivers go outside of Springfield for GSSI. Mr. Richard Osgood is the Chairman. Title 3 Grants were awarded – ours too – and being used for yoga, tai-chi, fitness videos and balance programs in June.

Legislative John Bowen distributed a copy of "A Glimmer of Light in Sudbury" to each member. He plans to have everything ready for the Fall Town

Meeting. Pat Camerota and all the Board thanked John for all the work he's doing on this project.

Longmeadow Update	Saul Finestone reported that the program coordinator's salary was approved at the Spring Town Meeting. The Town election is set for June 7, 2011.
Nutrition	Margaret Jenkins reported all is fine in the kitchen. Karen added that the Polish meal was a huge success.
Over 60 Club	The June program will be a concert by the Town middle schools bands followed by a pizza party.
Transportation FOLOCA	Karen reported hat the PVRTA is changing the ADA client requirements.. Diane Nadeau reported that FOLOCA is paying for the new furniture and had paid for the refreshments at the royal wedding breakfast. Eleanor Stolar asked if FOLOCA would buy a tape recorder for COA Board use especially to help the Secretary.
Other Announcements	None Pancake Breakfast is free this year and Veterans will be marching in the parade at Long Meddowe Days. Chair Marilyn Hurst thanked her Vice-Chair Rose Morace and Secretary Margaret Jenkins and all Board members for their help during the past year.
Old Business	None
New Business	None

Motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Jenkins, Secretary

Next Meeting on June 16, 2011

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