

Rockland Council on Aging

317 Plain St Rockland, Ma.

Secretaries Report

Wednesday July 8, 2015

With a quorum (at least 7) present Chairperson Beverly Ladner called the meeting to order at 9:30.

Roll Call: Audrey Ryan (e), Lorraine Ahern, Eleanor Cole, Patti Penney (e), Lu Crowley, Peter Stonis, Jean Callahan, Cynda Childs (e), Jack Conway, Chris Kelly and alternate John Rogers.

Old Colony Elder Services: Agnes Smith reported:

- Rockland is part of the Metropolitan Planning Council. Tom Henderson is the delegate from Rockland

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency serving the people who live and work in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. Our mission is to promote [smart growth](#) and regional collaboration. Our regional plan, MetroFuture, guides our work as we engage the public in responsible stewardship of our region's future.

We work toward sound municipal management, sustainable land use, protection of natural resources, efficient and affordable transportation, a diverse housing stock, public safety, economic development, clean energy, healthy communities, an informed public, and equity and opportunity among people of all backgrounds.

Old Colony Planning Council: Rita Howes reported:

- Transportation is one of the greatest unmet concerns for seniors in all communities. There is a meeting scheduled for August that will focus on transportation.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting / Secretaries Report: A motion was made by Peter Stonis to accept the report as read, seconded by Jack Conway and the vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Lorraine Ahern to accept the report as read, seconded by Peter Stonis - the vote was unanimous. Current balance: \$46,639.79.

Warrant Report: The Bill Warrant was duly signed by all members present.

Outreach Report: A motion was made by Lu Crowley and 2nd by Chris Kelly to accept the report as written and presented.

- The pen pal program was a tremendous success.

- A recent class was full for a “Planning Ahead Workshop” presented by Attorney Edward Dugan. The class explained in detail the procedure for a reverse mortgage including the pros and cons.
- Hillary Troia from “Home Instead Senior Care” will be presenting to upcoming seminars this fall:
 - September 30th at 12:45 Pm – Get Organized, a Place for everything and Everything in its place
 - October 21st at 12:45 PM – The health benefits of chocolate
- Eleanor murphy is now the Outreach Coordinator for the Salvation Army for the Town of Rockland. Congratulations to her and thank you for agreeing to take on this task so that our seniors have every opportunity for financial resources and information sources.

Director’s Report: The motion was made by Lorraine Ahern to accept the report as presented, seconded by Eleanor Cole.

- The formula Grant will be used in part to allow for .50 cents per hour raise for Eleanor Murphy, the Outreach Coordinator. The board voted unanimously to approve this for an exceptional job well done.
- July was the last month that the salary for Brian ONeill will be deducted from the COA. Starting in August 2015 it is a Line Item for the Town Account
- The building is still being issued 30 day occupant permits. Tom Ruble approved the walk way but not as a ramp.
- There was a suggestion to have more programs offered on Wednesday afternoon. Possibly an “All outdoor Activities” day.
- Currently the COA is awarded \$9.00 per senior for a count of 3408. (This has increased and will be noted for future years).

Next meeting August 12, 2015 @ 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Ahern
 Secretary COA
 June 10, 2015