

Rockland Council on Aging

317 Plain St Rockland, Ma.

Secretaries Report

Wednesday May13, 2015

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

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

Old Colony Elder Services: Agnes Smith reported:

- The Golden Ages is sponsoring a bus trip to Wine Country in Rhode Island on May 18, 2015.
- OCES has several new programs all aimed at the needs of seniors.
- Welcome Mayflower (RSVP) is a volunteer program for Retired and Seniors Volunteers which matches volunteers with a variety of meaningful activities which can be individualized to the volunteers' skills. Currently this program provides insurance liability to supplement the volunteers own auto and medical insurance.

Old Colony Planning Council: Rita Howes reported:

- OCPC has a goal of providing, creating and administering a comprehensive system of "community-based elder services.
- The Title III Funding provided for these services is directed to elders 60 years of age and older to help maintain independence and allow individuals to remain in their own homes and communities. Applications are available through OCPC.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting / Secretaries Report: A motion was made by John Rogers to accept the report as read, seconded by Audrey Ryan and the vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Jean Callahan to accept the report as read, seconded by Lorraine Ahern - the vote was unanimous. Current balance: \$51,122.58.

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

Outreach Report: A motion was made by Audrey Ryan and 2nd by Eleanor Cole to accept the report as written and presented.

- A seminar "Planning Ahead for Seniors" will be held on June 17, 2015 to address financial options for seniors

- A home visit was made by Eleanor and Director Peggy after a Meals on Wheels driver reported that a homebound senior was disoriented and confused. The situation was promptly addressed and action was taken for immediate assistance as well as a report to the building manager for follow up.
- Everyone is looking forward to the one year anniversary of the Rockland Senior Center on June 7th, 2015.

Director's Report: The motion was made by Audrey Ryan to accept the report as presented, seconded by Eleanor Cole.

- Patrick Hamilton from the Office of OCPC recently visited the new Rockland Senior Center. He was very pleased at the detail of the programs and their implementation. He commented that the structure of the programs was conducive to seniors and their abilities; as well as unlimited potential for growth.
 - Mr. Hamilton was astonished at the complexity of the kitchen at the center as well as the outstanding "Meals on Wheels Program".
 - Title Three funding is \$4,000.00 - \$3,500 to be used for the kitchen help for the summer hours and \$500.00 for the meals on wheels program.
 - The budget for the Senior Center was approved at Town Meeting plus another \$6,000.00 to cover deficit.
 - Our van driver Liza has applied for and been awarded the position in the Town Clerks Office of assistant. She has retreat rights under the union contract that would allow her to return to the van driver position within 30 days. In the meantime volunteer drivers will cover the position. After the expiration of the 30 days the van driver position will become open. Currently we are discussing the needs of residents and the town to best decide if one full time position or 2 part time positions would best meet these needs. Audrey Ryan has volunteered to represent the COA on this Committee.
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- As there was no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Audrey Ryan and 2nd by Jack Conway to adjourn at 10:10 AM, the vote was unanimous.

Next meeting June 10, 2015 @ 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Ahern
Secretary COA
May 13, 2015