

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING
April 17, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Newburyport Council on Aging met on this date at the Salvation Army building.

Chairperson Frances Munroe called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Carroll	Richard Eaton
Jane Kelley	Jo An Kincaid
Yvonne McQuilkin	Cynthia Muir
Frances Munroe	Frances Reslewic
Jack Ronan	
Roseann Robillard, Director	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Miller Graf, Martha True

GUESTS: Mary Kelly, Activities Director of the COA
Ari Herzog, City Councilor

The Secretary's minutes of March 20, 2014, were presented for approval. There being no discussion, it was moved, seconded, and

VOTED: to accept the Secretary's minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2014, as presented.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

The following calendar was presented by Director Roseann Robillard:

May 13, 2014 Project Announcement in Central Register	June 11, 2013 Pre-bid on-site meeting
June 20, 2014 Sub Bids due	July 18, 2014 General Contractor bids due
July 28, 2014 Contract awarded	July-August 2014 Demo/Abatement
Sept. 15, 2014 Construction begins	August 15, 2015 Project Completed

Roseann was happy to report that at the present time "all i's are dotted and all t's crossed." Roseann explained the security alarm system including cameras at front door and back door. Jack Ronan questioned how the debris from the demolished building would be handled. The demolition contractor will remove all debris. Yvonne McQuilkin talked about the advantages of porous asphalt for parking area. Discussion

Director Robillard spoke about how spaces would be named. Shirley Lattime's name was presented as a person who should be recognized. Chairperson Frances Munroe spoke about how Shirley donated so much to the fundraising dinners that she put on and gave so much of herself. All profit from the dinners that Shirley ran was given to the Friends of the COA for the new Senior Center. Jane Kelley reported that the Friends "are working on this." Chairperson Munroe raised the question of who will make the determining factor in the naming of the spaces. Discussion. Roseann replied that the fundraising team will take care of that. There will be a fee for each room.

FRIENDS OF NEWBURYPORT C O A

Disussion re: book drop. The new book drop is "Recycle That" and will remain at Cushing Park. A new recycling box for textiles could be put at the new Senior/Community Center. Yvonne McQuilkin will make a list of recycling spots around Newburyport.

ACTIVITIES:

Mary Kelly, Activities Director, has organized a Summer Outing Club which will meet at COA once a month on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 P.M for senior citizens interested in socializing through outdoor activities. Lunch Group on 1st Friday, Knitting at the AJ Hospital and Walking Group have been successful and will be continuing. The Walking Group will be walking outside on the Rail Trail and will meet at the Graf Rink Tuesday at 12:00 noon. All new activities including Reiki at COA on May 15 at 1:00pm, Craft Group - May 16 at noon at COA from noon to 1:00 p.m., Anna Jaques screening for Peripheral Vascular Disease on May 20 and May 21 are listed with full details in the May COA Newsletter.

Dates and times for ride through Maudslay State Park in May are listed in COA May Newsletter. For reservations call Council on Aging office: 978-462-8650. This program is free and passengers will be picked up at their door.

Lise Reid, Parks Director, has announced Adult Recreation Programs available. Director Robillard and Activities Director Mary Kelly will collaborate with Parks Director Reid as there could be overlap in some of the adult programs. As some of the parks programs are more costly than the COA activities the Friends of COA will help underwrite some programs so that seniors can participate.

Director Robillard has had the first of four meetings with Vicki Hendrickson regarding Adult Education. The Library has also been doing more program planning. Roseann Robillard and Mary Kelly are planning to get together with all of these groups.

Activities Director Mary Kelly will do a list of places needing volunteers.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Robillard reported that the Tax Help Program served 226 people.

The Master Plan of the City of Newburyport meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on April 17, 2014.

Yvonne McQuilkin will attend the meeting with COA Director to represent the Board of Directors.

Roseann distributed copies of the Master Plan to the board members. Discussion was held regarding offering a van to seniors to attend one free meal per week with the possibility of increasing the number of days per week.

Yvonne McQuilkin will see if Pennies for Poverty would help with the cost. Director Robillard spoke about the success of the pet food program.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The following names were placed in Nomination for FY 2015:

Frances Munroe	Chairperson
Charles Carroll	Vice Chairperson
Frances Reslewic	Secretary

It was moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the above-named nominees be elected.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

Frances Reslewic, Secretary