

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

January 17, 2013

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
Miller Graf	Jo An Kincaid
Cynthia Muir	Frances Munroe
Frances Reslewic	Jack Ronan
Martha True	
Roseann Robillard, Director	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jane Kelly

The Secretary's minutes of December 20, 2012, were presented for approval.

There being no discussion, it was moved, seconded, and

VOTED: to accept the Secretary's minutes of the meeting of December 20, 2012, as presented.

A letter was read from Helena Thurlow resigning her position. Helena suffered a stroke and is not able to continue as a member of the Board of Directors of the Newburyport Council on Aging. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to accept Helena Thurlow's letter of resignation with regret.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

At a recent meeting of the Planning Team, Director Roseann Robillard, along with Andy Port, Georgie Vining and Judy Bennett, discussed with Tony Pruner, the OPManager of Schools and Sr. Centers, the issue of what type of fill would be left at the site of the Bresnahan School. The Senior/Community Center Building Committee does not want to pay to remove debris. Tony Pruner will make sure that the fill that is left is suitable to build on.

Other topics discussed:

1. Possible location for the boiler (other than on the third floor) including the possibility of a bump-out room off the kitchen and what plan would be the most affordable.
2. What kinds of materials are considered for the exterior of the building – materials that would withstand the solar issue – be easily maintained and affordable.
3. Landscaping should be appropriate, aesthetically pleasing and affordable.

The plan will be ready to go ahead as soon as the new school is finished. The consensus is that the building will look excellent inside and out. The Mayor is fully behind this project. At this time Mayor Holaday is waiting for the \$50,000 from the State.

Fundraising: Mayor Holaday will be meeting with the Friends of the Council on Aging to discuss fundraising.

A Golf Tournament was discussed

The need to approach banks and prospective donors

Planners are meeting with the Mayor at this time today.

Director Roseann Robillard expressed how pleased she is that progress is happening. A fantastic, very detailed plan is coming along through the hard work of Geordie Vining and the Planning Team. The next Building Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6th.

Discussion: Jack Ronan had concerns regarding the vinyl siding, the boiler and the landscaping.

At the next meeting of the Building Committee Jack would like to discuss what kind of trees will be planted.

FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING:

No news to report at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Robillard presented an excellent and detailed report of the Monthly Activities of the Council on Aging for the period of July 2012 through December 2012. Roseann explained the various programs pointing out some of the exceptionally successful activities; such as, Blind Support, Dental Clinic and Exercise Classes.

Some problems have come up with the monthly newsletter. The publisher has a new format which requires much more time in the set up. Charles Carroll offered to help the Director to get this new format up and running.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made, seconded and voted to have a plaque made in honor of Tom Lyons.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: TO ADJOURN at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

Frances Reslewic, Secretary