

# NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

February 16, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Newburyport Council on Aging met 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
Cynthia Muir	Frances Munroe
Frances Reslewic	Jack Ronan
Martha True	
Roseann Robillard, Director, Newburyport Council on Aging	

## MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jane Kelly	Excused
Tom Lyons	Excused
Helena Thurlow	Excused

## GUEST:

Jo An Kincaid

The Secretary's minutes of January 19, 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 January 19, 2012 as presented.

An update of two members who were unable to attend meetings because of illness was given by Chairperson Frances Munroe.

## SENIOR CENTER:

Charles Carroll gave information regarding the last building committee meeting. He spoke about the plan which was presented by the Architect, who was well spoken and presented a very good plan. However, the plan would cost three times as much as we had planned.

Some of the major renovations necessary are:

- two roofs need to be replaced

- an envelope of insulation would be needed around the whole building.

The Architect also included a very good plan for multi-use of inside areas.

Richard Eaton spoke about the cost to renovate the building as the Community Center being factored in with the original cost of the Senior Center. Richard also pointed out that all renovations must be up to Code. Original building conformed to a 1955 code.

Director Robillard stated that negotiations are continuing and final figures will not be known until March.

Jack Ronan outlined the logistics of the excellent plan for the incoming and outgoing traffic pattern

of the new Bresnahan School and the Senior/Community Center. He also discussed parking areas. Jack was concerned that there has not been enough publicity regarding the diagram of what the proposed Senior/Community Center will look like. "The general public does not understand the overall plan."

Chairperson Frances Munroe questioned why the vote would be three different votes: Bresnahan School, Molin School and Senior/Community Center. Roseann Robillard stated that the three different votes were a requirement of the MSBA. The Campaign to educate Newburyport citizens of the benefits of voting "yes" on all three ballot questions on June 5<sup>th</sup> will be "kicking off" in a couple of weeks. The next Building Committee Meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### ROGRAM UPDATES:

Activity Report: Director Robillard submitted and explained a detailed report on the total number of participants involved in every activity of the Council on Aging for 2011- 2012.

Chairperson Munroe reported that the COA trips are currently being planned and will be listed in the newspaper and the COA newsletter.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- 1) Director Robillard passed out a Newburyport Open Space and recreation Plan 2012 survey to be completed by each board member.
- 2) Roseann also presented and talked about her Municipal Budget FY 2012 Report including: COA Mission Statement, Services, Programs, F12 Accomplishments and Unmet Goals and F13 Goals and Objectives.
- 3) Student Project: National Women's Health Week – May 15-17: U Mass Lowell will hold a program for single older women – COOKING FOR ONE: Nutrition, Marketing and Reading Labels and How to Prepare Food for One.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Tax Help Program has been very successful.

The Alzheimers 101 – Signs and Symptoms, held on February 13<sup>th</sup>, was very well received and there will be another one in March.

There was no interest in the Long Term Care Program – it has been postponed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A letter was received from Jo An Kincaid expressing her interest in joining the COA Board of Directors. An interview was held.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to forward the name of Jo An Kincaid to the Mayor for consideration.

Cynthia Muir received a request for the Council on Aging to set up a container to receive donations of pet food for elderly people who cannot afford to feed their pets.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 22, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

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Frances Reslewic, Secretary