

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

June 21, 2012

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
Frances Munroe	Frances Reslewic
Jack Ronan	Martha True
Roseann Robillard,	Director Newburyport Council on Aging

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jane Kelly	Excused
Thomas Lyons	Excused
Cynthia Muir	Excused
Helena Thurlow	Excused

GUEST:

Jo An Kincaid

The Secretary's minutes of May 17, 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 May 17, 2012 as presented.

Chairperson Frances Munroe congratulated all board members for all of their hard work over the past years which was a driving force in bringing about a "yes" vote by the citizens of Newburyport on June 5th, 2012, to build a new Senior/Community Center.

Chairperson Munroe also thanked the Board for showing their confidence in the present officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary, by re-electing them for another term.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Discussion was held regarding the public voting day on June 5th. Vice Chairperson Charles Carroll and Chairperson Frances Munroe reported on the great turn out at the polls. Richie Eaton reported on the statistics of the vote. Also discussed was the Port Pride group who were so helpful in getting out the vote by working all day with phone calls and flyers. Vice Chairperson Charles Carroll reported that there will be a celebration by Port Pride at 4:30 on June 22nd at the Spencer Pierce Little Farm in Newbury.

Jack Ronan emphasized the fact that we need to continue working hard by planning ahead with our COA Director and the Architect regarding the space needs and programs; such as, computer room, pool table/card tables, greenhouse, etc. Jack stressed that we think through our ideas and keep them in the forefront. Richie Eaton suggested having the architect come to a COA Board meeting. Director Roseann Robillard spoke about the building use plan which will be designed to always be morphed and

changing. We have time to tweak the plan. The original design was planned so that rooms could be multiuse or changed.

Chairperson Munroe reported that the Friends of the COA want to know ways to keep raising money for the new center. One idea is to have another silent auction by the Friends of the COA. Director Roseann Robillard stated that the event planning meeting subcommittee will be meeting the first week in July and would like COA Board Chairperson to attend.

Various building questions were discussed, 1) Building name, room naming will be under the direction of the Mayor; 2) Building Committee continuing; 3) When will building of Senior/Center be completed. Roseann stated that the proposed ground breaking of the new school will be January 2013 with opening of the school in September 2014; construction of Senior/Community Center in 2015

Director Robillard reported on the huge success of the new dental program which began on June 18th. 30 slots were filled and seven are already filled for August. There are 10 slots available on the second Friday of each month for Sept, Oct, Nov. and Dec. This service is provided by Polished LLC, Brewster, MA. Cost is \$50 with elders paying \$25. The balance is subsidized by a grant from Newburyport Society for Relief of Aged Women. Roseann will request a grant from Friends of COA for future help.

Roseann reported that Salisbury will accept delivery of the new van (see minutes of 3/22/12) and the van will be available for Newburyport two days/week. A new driver will begin on Friday, June 22nd

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers for FY2013 are:

Chairperson	Frances Munroe
Vice Chairperson	Charles Carroll
Secretary	Frances Reslewic

Secretary Frances Reslewic reported on verification with City Hall of membership terms of office. A list will be finalized and presented at the September 20th meeting of the COA.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and
VOTED: TO ADJOURN at 10:10 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 20, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

Frances Reslewic, Secretary