

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING  
OCTOBER 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
Yvonne McQuilkin	Cynthia Muir
Frances Munroe	Frances Reslewic
Jack Ronan	Martha True
Roseann Robillard, Director	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jane Kelly

The Secretary's minutes of September 12, 2013, were presented for approval. There being no discussion, it was moved, seconded, and  
VOTED: to accept the Secretary's minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2013, as presented.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Director Roseann Robillard reported on the nature of the conference with the Architects and the Building Committee at the meeting held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Architects are now focusing on the level of details. Every detail will be decided on before the "shovel goes into the ground." Director Robillard distributed a three page copy of notes, prepared by Elaine Bello. These detailed and informative notes presented the Architects general approach to the selection and use of building finishes with input and suggestions from Georgie Vining, Andy Port and Roseann Robillard.

"The general over-arching theme for finishes is that they be attractive, durable, comfortable, welcoming, age-appropriate and 'not institutional' or 'cheap' in appearance." Notes by Elaine Bello.

Discussion followed.

FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING:

Fundraising Calendars will be sold at \$10 each. Prize drawings will begin on November 1, 2013

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Council on Aging will be held on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Hope Church. Speaker is Susan Cripps, Shine Program Coordinator

## TRIAD

Chairperson Frances Munroe reported on the following events:

On October 16<sup>th</sup> Maurice Pratt from the Essex County Sheriff's Department gave an excellent presentation at Heritage House in Newburyport about the Essex County Sheriff's Department and the Middleton House of Correction. There are currently 1200 inmates at the facility. Maurice explained the daily routine of the inmates, their living quarters, and the many programs available for rehabilitation. He also spoke about the canine roll in prison life. Many questions were discussed.

The Sheriff's Department is also involved with the Special Olympics as Keepers of the Torch. Maurice had high praise for Sheriff Cousins. He emphasized the roll of TRIAD in improving the life and safety of senior citizens.

The November meeting of TRIAD will be held at the Golden Age meeting on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Elks Hall on Low Street. Speaker will be Maurice Pratt and the topic will be "Elder Bullying."

## DIRECTORS REPORT

Mary Kelly has been hired as the new COA Services/Program Coordinator. She will work 19 hours per week @ \$20 per hour effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. She brings great ideas and organization as she starts growing our programs. Jody Desmond (full time van driver) has been out on disability since August 8<sup>th</sup> following surgery for a work related injury. She should be cleared for office duty as dispatcher as of October 21<sup>st</sup>. Three part time drivers are being paid to cover for Jody.

## OLD BUSINESS

Frances Reslewic presented the plaque made by Clipper Trophies in Newbury, MA, to honor Thomas Lyons, a former COA Board Member who passed away in October 2012. The plaque will be placed in the Newburyport Public Library until the Senior/Community Center is completed.


## NEW BUSINESS

Flu Shots were discussed. There is a shortage of the 65+ flu shot at this time.

There being no Further business it was moved, seconded and VOTED: to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting will be on November 21st, at 9:30 a.m.

Submitted by:

  
Frances Reslewic, Secretary