

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

January 26, 2015

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, Council on Aging Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jane Kelley	Yvonne McQuilkin
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The Secretary's minutes of the meeting of November 17, 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 November 17, 2014, as presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Roseann Robillard reported on the blizzard preparations. Roseann has been appointed to the Emergency Team of City Hall. Council on Aging will be closed on Tuesday and Drop-in Group will be cancelled. There will be no vans on Wednesday.

Director Robillard distributed information about the Seminar Series which has been planned for every month during 2015 at the Newburyport Council on Aging. Each one hour seminar is designed to help residents in the process of aging independently. This information is included in February edition of the Newsletter with additional information about time and reservations. Roseann also prepared a handout showing some of the policies of other Massachusetts towns regarding fees and participants of seminars and programs. Various topics were discussed regarding this matter and will continue at the next meeting on February 23, 2015.

FRIENDS OF NEWBURYPORT C O A:

Richie Eaton spoke about Phase 2 – Shortfall amount of money needed to complete the new Senior/Community Center. He reported that 80 fundraising letters had gone out the first week of January. Donations have been coming in from individuals who would like to name a room. Richie presented a beautiful brochure with a picture of the new Senior/ Community center which will provide space for all of the Newburyport Council on Aging services and programs which are listed. The brochure also provides a list of suggested donation amounts for various areas of the building. Ben Iacono is working on a report of who has responded, amount of donation and which room is represented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jack Ronan and Director Roseann Robillard explained about the possibility of receiving a donation of a pool table. Jack discussed the reasons why the COA could not accept this donation mainly because the pool table is too large for the space allowed in the new building.

Director Robillard is continuing to meet with the builders every Thursday morning. Roseann presented pictures of the stone that will have the name of the Senior/Community Center carved into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Robillard reported that the abutters to the new elementary school have been complaining about the traffic flow on 331 High Street.
Discussion.

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

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on February 23rd, the fourth Monday - due to the Presidents Day holiday. In March we will resume to the third Monday of the month, March 16th.

Frances Reslewic, Secretary