

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

October 18, 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
Cynthia Muir	Frances Munroe
Frances Reslewic	Jack Ronan
Martha True	
Director Roseann Robillard	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jane Kelly	Excused
Helena Thurlow	Excused

GUEST:

Mayor Donna Holaday
Miller Graf
Jo Ann Kincaid

The Secretary's minutes of September 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 September 20, 2012, as presented.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Mayor Donna Holaday addressed the COA Board with a very informative presentation outlining up-to-date progress of the Senior/Community Center planning meetings.

Mayor Holaday spoke about the building design and the need to supplement the proposed furnishings budget of \$136,000 for tables, chairs, kitchen appliances, etc. Fundraising will be needed to supplement this appropriation with approximately \$5,000. The Mayor also discussed the procedure for naming rights and donation amounts for the rooms. Richard Eaton explained the procedure with suggestions. Mayor Holaday will be the main speaker at the Friends of the COA Annual Meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the Hope Church on Thursday, November 15th.

The planning team meetings are held at City Hall on the first Wednesday of each month @ 5:00 p.m.

Director Roseann Robillard outlined the plans for visiting Senior/Community Centers built by Sterling Architects. The visiting team will include Roseann Robillard, Andy Port, Geordie Vining and Bill Sterling

FRIENDS OF NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING:

Director Robillard reported that the Friends of the Newburyport Council on Aging held a very successful auction on Saturday, September 29th at the Hope Church. \$3500 profit was realized. The Friends of the COA will be giving \$1800 to the Council on Aging for the Transportation Program. Discussion: Chairperson Frances Munroe stated that the Silent Auction event was advertised that "all proceeds will be used to benefit the Council on Aging Transportation Program." All of the donors to this event and the volunteers were confident that their donations would be used for the COA transportation program. Other sources of income were discussed: donations from passengers, possible grant from the Newburyport Society of Aged Women. Mayor Holaday discussed other possibilities to supplement the transportation deficit.

TRIAD: A collaboration of COA, Sheriff's Dept., District Attorney's Office, and Emergency Responders

The TRIAD Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. - Noon at Coolidge Hall, Topsfield Fairgrounds. The guest speaker, Marcia Frankel, will speak about "Elder Bullies."

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Holaday has acknowledged receipt of letter of intent and resume of Jo An Kincaid. This appointment of Jo An Kincaid to the Council of Aging Board will be voted on at the next City Council meeting.

COA Board training will be held on Thursday, October 25th at the new Amesbury Senior Center from 8:30 – Noon. Presenter: Emmett Schmarsow, Executive Officer of Elder Affairs, Boston, MA

NEW BUSINESS:

COA Board member Thomas Lyons died on October 11, 2012. Suggestions were made to look into designing a plaque to be placed in the new Senior/Community Center to honor Thomas Lyons. Frances Reslewic will research this project and give a report at the next COA meeting. Other suggestions were books for the library in Tom's memory, placing the plaque in the Newburyport Public Library as a temporary measure until the Senior/Community Center is built.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and
VOTED: TO ADJOURN at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Session was held immediately after this meeting. The Board came out of Executive Session following a short discussion.

Frances Reslewic, Secretary