

# NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

September 20, 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
Jane Kelly	Frances Munroe
Frances Reslewic	Jack Ronan
Martha True	

## MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roseanne Robillard	Excused
Thomas Lyons	Resigned
Cynthia Muir	Excused
Helena Thurlow	Excused

## GUEST:

Miller Graf

The Secretary's minutes of June 21, 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 June 21, 2012 as presented.

## SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Jack Ronan reported on the new Amesbury Senior Center located on Elm Street, in Amesbury. Three quarters of the building houses the Senior Center. The rest of the building is occupied by the Merrimac Valley Transit Authority. The Amesbury Veterans Office is also housed in this building. The bottom floor is occupied by the Cafeteria and serves meals from the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech. Some of the amenities are: 50 parking spaces, Computer room with 5 computers, a thrift shop, etc. In order to understand more about the building and the arrangement of the rooms and services, Jack Ronan suggested that everyone on the Newburyport COA Board go over to Amesbury and tour the Amesbury Senior Center.

The Senior/Community Center planning committee has divided into three teams – The Building Team, The Program Team and the Fundraising Team. There will be a meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. Vice Chairperson, Charles Carroll will represent the COA Board at the meeting.

Andy Port, Newburyport Planning Director, Geordie Vining, Newburyport Service Project Manager, Roseann Robillard, Newburyport COA Director and Bill Sterling, Architect, will be visiting the following Senior Centers built by Sterling Architects on

September 27 @ 9:45 a.m.	Milford, MA
October 17 @ 2:00 p.m.	Tewksbury, MA
October 25 @ 9:00 a.m.	Saugus, MA
October 25 @ 10:30 a.m.	Malden, MA

## FRIENDS OF NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING:

The Friends of the COA will hold a Silent Auction on Saturday, September 29, 2012. Chairperson Frances Munroe reported that the “friends” have asked for help on that day at the Hope Church in the morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and from 1:00 P.M. to closing in the afternoon.

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

Chairperson Munroe reported that the Triad will present a wonderful program on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. at the Golden Agers meeting (Elk’s Hall): “Staying Positive in Your Senior Years.” Mo Levign from Essex County Sheriff’s Department will give the presentation.

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

## OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Frances Munroe will send resume of Jo An Kincaid to Mayor Holladay for approval and submission to the City Council for appointment to the COA Board.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The Newburyport Health Department will be giving the Flu Shots on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army and will need help. Chairperson Frances Munroe and Secretary Frances Reslewic volunteered to help on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The resignation of Thomas Lyons, a long time board member, was accepted with regret.

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

Miller Graf will submit a resume for consideration as a COA Board Member.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and  
VOTED: TO ADJOURN at 9:55 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

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Frances Reslewic, Secretary