

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

October 27, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Newburyport Council on Aging met this date at the Salvation Army building.

Chairperson Frances Munroe called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Carroll	Richard Eaton
Frances Munroe	Frances Reslewic
Jack Ronan	Helena Thurlow
Roseann Robillard, Director, Newburyport Council on Aging	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jane Kelly	Tom Lyons
Donald Miller	Cynthia Muir
Martha True	

The Secretary's minutes of September 15, 2011, 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 15, 2011, as presented.

SENIOR CENTER:

Jack Ronan asked COA Director, Roseann Robillard whether a picture of the new Bresnahan School is available showing where the new building sits on the property. Director Robillard explained that there is a picture of the Model Elementary school that was chosen on the City of Newburyport website. Jack emphasized the importance of a better campaign to educate the citizens of Newburyport as to the tremendous amount of work that has gone into this endeavor and the cost of this project and where the funding is coming from. Discussion followed.

The next meeting of the School Building Committee will be held on November 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Chairperson Frances Munroe reported that the silent auction held by the Friends of the Council on Aging was a huge success. The profit for the event was \$4,800 and the Council on Aging received \$2,400 of that profit.

Chairperson Munroe stated that the Friends of the Council on Aging would appreciate having input from the COA concerning a suggestion made by one of its members to hold a semi-formal dance with a live

band in January 2012. A discussion will be held at a later time concerning the feasibility of holding an event in January/February because of weather concerns.

Director Robillard announced that the Friends of the Council on Aging's annual meeting will be held at Port Rehab on November 15th at 3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Robillard reported that certain budget items were very low or depleted: fuel costs and office supplies. She also reported that Mayor Holladay is in the process of preparing a supplemental budget, however, Director Robillard will use donations and grants to make up fuel costs.

A Grant application for a shared van with Salisbury has been secured and Roseann is very pleased with this arrangement. No match money is required. An additional \$1200 will be needed for extras on van; i.e., grab bars, rear view screen, extra seats, etc., and this amount will be requested from the Mayor's supplemental budget.

All City cell phones have been upgraded to include walkie-talkie features and are already in use. Our COA Director will be able to access e-mail from her phone.

A printed financial report will be presented at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:


Cynthia Muir has done an excellent job on publicity and getting started on marketing our services and programs. An article will appear in the Newburyport Daily News regarding the Charter Commission. A further discussion was held regarding the Charter Commission.

Charles Carroll will present a prospective candidate for membership on the COA Board at the next meeting.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and
VOTED: TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.



Frances Reslewic, Secretary