

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

December 17, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Newburyport Council on Aging met on this date at The Newburyport Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

Chairperson Frances Munroe called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Carroll	Richard Eaton
Miller Graf	Jane Kelley
Jo An Kincaid	Cynthia Muir
Frances Munroe	Frances Reslewic
Jack Ronan	
Roseann Robillard,	Council on Aging Director
Mary Kelly	Activities Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yvonne McQuilkin

The Secretary's minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2015, were presented for approval. It was moved, seconded, and

VOTED: to accept the Secretary's minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2015, with one correction. FRIENDS OF THE COA: The sentence "The calendar fund-raiser realized over \$600." Was replaced by the sentence: "600 calendars were sold."

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Mary Kelly reported on the success of last month's programs. A large number of people attending included many "new faces". All participants in the many activities were positive, complimentary and so enthusiastic.

Mary spoke about programs for next month. She explained the Community Day, the various programs that will be held each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. such as, Nutrition, Natural Healing, Road Safety in winter, Book signing by Bruce Fitzpatrick, the author of a book about Tony Conigliario, one of the greatest comeback stories in all of sports history, Personal Assistance for Elderly, Conversational French, Who Are The Friends of the Council on Aging? Many other suggested events were discussed by the board members. All programs will be listed in the COA Newsletter.

Mary Kelly was thanked for her planning and organization of all of the activities that she administers with great success and her excellent report.

FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING:

Jane Kelley reported on the number of new members who have joined the "Friends". There are now 300 members. Jane spoke about the exceptional Board of Directors headed by Ben Iacono, President, and Dorothy LaFrance, Vice President. Joyce Ortiz is the new Secretary.

Jane announced that a big event is planned for the Spring – a Barbeque.

The Board of Directors is in the process of studying the By-Laws. Jane Kelley stated that “everything is going great” and she was commended for an excellent report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There are many volunteers willing to help in the Senior/Community Center. Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Roseann Robillard announced that a donation is being made to purchase two defibrillators for the Senior/Community Center.

Roseann distributed a copy of the Newburyport Senior Community Center Room Rental Application which included Rules of Supervision, Use of equipment and premises in general, Reservations, Permits, Insurance, Release of Claims, Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement, Rental Fee Schedule and a two page form to be completed by the Applicant.

Maintenance Team issues were also discussed.

Director Robillard explained how the monitors will work to insure security of the building.

Jack Ronan questioned the maximum use of green space. Discussion.
The grounds needing a place for a shed was discussed.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and
VOTED: to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Frances Reslewic, Secretary

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the Senior/Community Center.