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COUNCIL ON AGING  
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING**  
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A meeting of the Dartmouth Council on Aging Board of Directors was called to order at 3:05 P.M. May 19, 2014 by Vice Chairperson, Wayne F. Whalley, held in the Doris Simpkin Room at the Dartmouth Council on Aging, 628 Dartmouth Street, Dartmouth, MA.

**Board members present:** Robert W. Carney, Elaine C. Lancaster, Susan Mandra Thompson Esq., Eleanor J. White, Wayne F. Whalley and Margaret Anderson (Peg)

**Excused:** Edward F. Iacaponi, Joan Foster and Maria Connor. **Absent:** Cynthia G. Morris and Cynthia A. Marland Ed.D

**Staff members present:** Debra Raymond, Director; Amy DiPietro, Adult Social Day Care Director, Angela Botelho, Principal Clerk.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**MOVED** and duly seconded: **Minutes dated April 28, 2014**

The vice-chair called for questions and/or comments regarding the minutes of April 28, 2014.

*Motion made by Robert Carney, seconded by Susan Mandra Thompson Esq. and unanimously voted to approve the Council on Aging Board Minutes of April 28, 2014.*

**MOVED** and duly seconded: **Treasurers report by Debra Raymond.**

Debra Raymond reported that it had been only three weeks since the last meeting so there wasn't much to report. She explained that she is working on spending out her budget for the current fiscal year. Mrs. Raymond reported that she had just received the town budget report from the accountants on May 16, 2014. Angela Botelho will be checking it in the next week to ensure that everything balances out correctly.

*Motion made by Robert Carney, seconded by Margaret Anderson, and unanimously voted to accept the Treasurers Report.*

**MOVED** and duly seconded: **Corresponding Secretary report by Susan Mandra Thompson Esq.**

- Mrs. Thompson read a Thank You card from Esther Martin for everything Debra does for her
- Mrs. Thompson also read a Thank You card from Robert M. Marshall and Peter Ouellette. They wanted to thank the Council on Aging for allowing them to do taxes for the elderly. They described how friendly our staff and volunteers were and how it helps take the tension away from the elderly clients. They processed a total of 175 clients. They filed 159 tax returns and 20% of

those were for state only. The maximum tax refund for the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit this year was \$1,030.00. They also had 16 clients who just needed information and questions answered.

- There was also an email from Sue Mosher thanking the Center for the Volunteers Brunch and the gifts that were given to all the attending volunteers.

***Motion made by Elaine Lancaster, seconded by Eleanor White and unanimously voted to accept the Corresponding Secretary's Report.***

\* Originals of the above correspondence can be viewed at DCOA Clerk's Office file.

**MOVED** and duly seconded: **Council on Aging report by Debra Raymond.**

Mrs. Raymond reported that all the events that have occurred since the last meeting were all a great success. There was a car show, which included 50 cars and a dance which had 73 people attend. It was very popular and over \$900.00 was raised for the Veterans Memorial. On May 10<sup>th</sup> there was a Mother's Day Brunch that was also very well received. There were about 110 people who attended and it was a great day.

An additional Saturday event that was held at the Center was for a Boston Marathon bombing victim. The goal of the event was to present money that was collected for the victim to assist him with medical bills. There were 50 people who attended this event. There was a Volunteers Brunch that was held at the Center celebrating all of our wonderful volunteers. There was a motivational speaker who spoke and he was phenomenal. After the presentation all of the volunteers present were given gifts as a token of the Council on Aging's appreciation for all that they do.

Mrs. Raymond and Mr. Cressman met with men from G Bourne Knowles & Co. to discuss and take a look at possible trees that need to be cut and trimmed. There are some trees that might be cut down in the future.

Debra reported that the Council on Aging and the Social Day program have purchased new benches for the property. She also explained that the kitchen manager Lillian has retired and that there is a temporary to permanent person currently in the position.

***Motion made by Eleanor White, seconded by Robert Carney, and unanimously voted to accept the COA report.***

**MOVED** and duly seconded: **Senior Social Day report by Amy DiPietro**

Mrs. DiPietro reported that the Social Day Program will be focusing on the financials for her budget for the closing fiscal year.

There is nothing else to report due to the short amount of time since the last meeting.

\* Social Day Program Budget & Expenditures through April. \* Originals of the above correspondence can be viewed at the DCOA Clerk's Office on file in the Minutes Binder.

***Motion made by Robert Carney, seconded by Elaine Lancaster, and unanimously voted to accept the Senior Social Day report.***

**MOVED** and duly seconded: **Coastline Board of Directors report by Margaret Anderson.**

Mrs. Anderson reported that homecare had received a 4.1 million dollar cut by the Senate across the state. It was unexpected and no one is sure what the affect is going to be.

Mrs. Anderson discussed Veteran's benefits and explained that on Tuesday and Saturday mornings Vets can go to Park St. and find out whether they can get access to funding. Benefit investigation is a difficult system to get into. Coastline has some new Board Members that have been added to their Board. She also explained that they were trying to regain the Tittle III grant. There was a Mental Health Conference held and on October 17<sup>th</sup> the Annual Luncheon will be at the New Bedford Country Club.

***Motion made by Robert Carney, seconded by Elaine Lancaster, and unanimously voted to accept the Senior Social Day report.***

**MOVED** and duly seconded: **Friends of the Elderly report by Debra Raymond.**

Mrs. Raymond reported that the Friends have been busy with all the 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration events. Such events include a High Tea at the New Bedford Yacht Club, an Art Show, a Yard Sale at the Center and a Father's Day Luncheon which is being held at the New Bedford Country Club. Debra explained that the Father's Day Luncheon only had 75 openings and it should fill up quickly. The Center is also putting on a Health Fair. Eleanor White discussed that there will be all different activates such as, face painting, alpacas, cotton candy and popcorn. Susan Thompson volunteered to do the popcorn machine. The Human Society will be there as well as Salvador's ice cream.

Council on Aging and Social Day drivers will be providing transportation for several different 350<sup>th</sup> events. The 350<sup>th</sup> committee will be paying them out of the 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration account. There will be a Muster at the Middle School on May 24<sup>th</sup> and also fireworks on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Apponagansett.

***Motion made by Susan Mandra Thompson Esq., seconded by Margaret Anderson, and unanimously voted to accept the Friends of the Elderly report.***

**MOVED** and duly accepted: **Outreach report by Debra Raymond.**

Debra expressed that there was nothing to report other than the new hire which will be discussed by the Personal Advisory Committee.

***Motion made by Margaret Anderson, seconded by Elaine Lancaster, and unanimously voted to accept the Outreach report.***

**MOVED** and duly accepted: **Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC) report by Susan Mandra Thompson Esq.**

Mrs. Thompson noted that Ellen Hull has been hired for 18hrs per week for the Outreach position. She has to take all the necessary testing and then we will hear from the town when she had completed all the requirements.

***Motion made by Robert Carney, seconded by Elaine Lancaster and unanimously voted to accept the***

***Personnel Advisory Committee report.***

The Board discussed the nominations for the Board positions and they decided to connect via email and have more information for the next meeting.

**MOVED** and duly seconded:

The Vice Chairperson noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. in the Doris Simpkin room located at the Council on Aging, 628 Dartmouth Street, Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

***Motion made by Elaine Lancaster, seconded by Eleanor White, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:40 p.m.***

For the  
Council on Aging

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angela Borelho  
Principal Clerk

Edward F. Iacaponi  
Chairperson

Attachments: Budget Reports for DCOA and Social Day  
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