

**COUNCIL OF AGING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 07/22/2015**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:05 a.m. A reminder was made by Chair Ron Stanton that this was a special meeting, and no votes would be taken on any matter.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lynne Stanton, Dot DiChiara, Ron Mertens, Carl Much, Laurel Puchalski, Frank Sadowski  
Anita Wright, non- member

**ABSENT:** None

**MINUTES and TREASURER'S REPORT** were distributed, but not examined. They will be discussed and moved for approval at the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Anita Wright volunteered to act as Special Project Co-ordinator for procuring a Senior Center.
- L. Stanton toured the present Light Department building on 6/29/15, as a possible location for Center. Photos of the facility were shared and discussion of viability followed. Renovation costs would need to be investigated.
- L. Stanton researched information regarding funding for Centers recently created by nearby towns. Some possibilities were: sharing space with other community programs, linking to new 40B construction projects, using CPA monies, using space vacated by other program.
- Mike Dempsey of the CPC will be contacted by A.Wright regarding the possibility of using Groveland's CPA funding, possibly linking to a 40B construction project plan.
- Other ideas:
  - Use of the Veto room and branching to the front offices of Town Hall.
  - Linking to Langley Adams Library and building to create a multi-purpose area (L.Stanton will contact Trustees in the fall to be put on their agenda)
  - Seeking a cooperative use of space in exchange for services for the special needs at Nichols Village (Wadleigh Foundation) (L.Stanton will reach out to the Director)

**NEXT SPECIAL MEETING:** August 19, 9:30 a.m., Public Safety Building

**Adjourned:** 10:25 a.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY** Laurel Puchalski

**Groveland Council On Aging**  
*Director's July 22, 2015 "Quickie" Report*

**Old Business**

☞ **Formula Grant** Submitted July 15 to the state.

**New Business**

☞ **Elders** Police called with concerns about an elder. MSPCA involved. Will follow up.

☞ **Board CORIs** All clear. Thank you!

☞ **Staff** Vanessa gave her two week notice on July 13. She was offered/accepted a full time position with benefits at the Amesbury Senior Center. A wonderful opportunity! Going away party will be held on Thursday morning, July 23, at 10:30 in the center meeting room.

☞ **Eagle Tribune Help Wanted Ad** Will be listed in July 23 and 26 papers. Includes several North Shore weeklies. Will also be posted on Monster.

☞ **New Town Hall Hours** All Town Hall offices will be closing at noon on Fridays starting August 7. All offices are to be open Monday evenings. COA's new hours will be 8:30-7:00 Monday evening, 8:30-4:00 Tues. – Thurs. and 8:30-12:00 Fridays. Nisha will work 8:15-3:00 (Mon-Thurs) and 9:00-12:00 Fri.

☞ **"Memorial Rockers"** Anita and Dot purchased rockers. They're stored in the old Selectmen's office (now a mini conference room and storage space). Received Pat Rogers' approval re. wording of inscription on brass plates (In Memory of Richard T. Sciacca 1948-2015). We will be picking up plates next week.

☞ **FY16 Budget** On track. Not much activity this month (re. invoices).

☞ **EOEA Annual Report** Due to state August 28.

☞ **MVRTA Van** All is well. FY16 lease agreement documents submitted and signed.

☞ **Tour of Light Department** Selectmen Ed Watson suggested the COA might want to assess the light dept. space as a possible future COA site. Light department moving to a new space and will be there w/in a year or so. Kermit Cross (light dept. commissioner) and Mike Cloutier (light dept. superintendent) met with me to tour their facility on June 29. Currently being sought by Water/Sewer dept. for their use. Also met with Bob Guptill (Affordable Housing Committee member), informally, after their July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss progress and continuing interest in a senior center link.

☞ **Sr. Center Funding Analysis** Working on a summary of how other senior centers have been funded in the Merrimack Valley. Will forward once complete.

**Coming Events**

☞ **August Events**

*Digital Hearing w/ Heidi Anderson – Tues., August 11 (10:00am) Outreach office*

*Diabetic Shoe Clinic – Wed., August 19 (10:00am) in Center Meeting Room Town Hall*

*Birthday Bash – Thurs., August 13 with Russ McQueen*

*Friends of COA Town Wide Yard Sale – Sat., September 19 (8am-2pm).*

**Next COA Board Meeting:**  
**Date: August 19 Time: 9:00am**  
**Conference Room—Public Safety Building**