

Groveland Council On Aging
Director's Report
November 18, 2015

Old Business

- ☞ **Tour of Light Department** Occurred October 29. Discussion.
- ☞ **Old COA Van** Two checks for \$1,500 were deposited and van has been picked up.
- ☞ **MVRTA Van** Annual safety inspection occurred Nov. 3. No problems. Will bring it on for a more thorough inspection (for long range planning purposes) as soon as we have a "light" day of transportation.

New Business

- ☞ **Elders** No serious issues at this time.
- ☞ **Staff** All is well.
- ☞ **FY16 Budget** On track. Finance Committee has not *requested budget.*
- ☞ **Flu Clinic Donation** We received \$153 from the 2 flu clinics held in November. Thank you for putting out the basket, Anita!
- ☞ **Groveland Cultural Council Grant** Will submit reimbursement request for \$475 for Richard Clark's – "Two to Tango."
- ☞ **Medicare Open Enrollment** Medicare A & B deductible info, Medicare B premium updates for 2016 are now available, as well as premiums for Supplement 1 plans. Focus continues on Medicare D formulary searches / plan selection. Booking 2-4 appointments each day through December 7.
- ☞ Working with Katherine on an updated **evacuation list** and with Nisha on programs and events for January/February and early spring. Nisha will also focus on booking new / additional fitness classes
- ☞ **Planning fuel assistance** recipients, thanks to funding from the Cong'l Church + Thanksgiving turkey deliveries thanks to Ocasio's Martial Arts.
- ☞ **Savers Store Fundraising Event** *Friends of COA* are doing a fundraiser with Savers Store (Plaistow NH) on January 16-19. Folks drop off hard/soft goods, items are weighed, *Friends* will receive a per # credit.
- ☞ **Recycling w/ Ecosmith** All textile items (stained or ripped cloth) can be dropped in recycle bin (behind Police Station/in front of River Pines). Same fundraiser being done w/ library. Check is given quarterly based on pounds collected. We're going to do a PSA with them to run on TV. Volunteers? This fundraiser will be ongoing.

Coming Events

- ✓ **Evening Van Trip** – Based on Hugh's suggestion, we'll be going to LaSalette's "Festival of Lights" in Attleboro MA on December ?? (driver coordination) from 4-10pm.
- ✓ **Men's Breakfast** Tues., December 8 "Lincoln's Assassination" with Lee Thomas
- ✓ **Holiday Party** Thurs., December 10 Pentucket HS Jazz Band + Mini-Chorus
- ✓ **Ladies Tea** Thurs., December 17—12:30 "Hot and Cold: Travel Stories from New Orleans and Iceland" with Valerie and John Osborne
- ✓ **Holidays** – ½ day December 24 + December 25
- ✓ **Reiki Demos** Free Reiki demos continue on Friday mornings through December
- ✓ **New – Social Hour at the COA** In an effort to help folks beat the post-holiday blues, increase awareness of programs/services, and to offer more opportunities to reduce loneliness we're offering an open coffee hour from 1-2pm ... one in January and one in February.
- ✓ **Charlie Cards** We'll be doing a program April 2016 with the West Newbury COA / *Sen. Tarr's office* to offer Charlie Cards to our folks.

Next COA Board Meeting:
Date: December 16 Time: 9:30am
Conference Room—Public Safety Building

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November 2, 2015

RE Senior Center

To Whom It May Concern

I have reviewed the proposed plans for the new senior center and evaluated them as they relate to the conversion of the Electric Department's building for this purpose. The proposed structure is roughly 5700 square feet. The current Electric Dept. building is roughly 3900 square feet including the 3 garage bays which have floors on different levels. This leads me to evaluate three options:

1. Retro fit the Electric Dept. building and add a 1600sf addition.
2. Tear down the Electric Dept. building and construct the senior center as proposed on the lot.
3. Construct a senior center in the land located behind the Fire Dept. near Town Hall.

-Option one is the least cost effective solution as the building would need to undergo significant improvements and an addition including changing the floor levels in the garage.
-Option two is viable but would have the additional cost of the removal of the building which may have value to the DPW or Water Departments as equipment storage or additional offices.
-Option three is the most cost effective as there are no removal costs and appears more appealing to the citizens I have received input from as the building will be located in the civic center of town

This opinion is limited as it is based solely on the two locations indicated to me as viable and based on the square footage of the plans given me

Should you have any questions, my office hours are Monday 8-8pm and Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, or you may phone me at 978-556-7209.

Respectfully,

Sam Joslin
Groveland Building Commissioner