

Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging

January 10, 2017

The Role of the Northborough Council on Aging is to maintain or increase the quality of life for the mature citizens of our community. We do this through support advocacy, planning, coordination and implementation of programs that bring mature citizens together for social, recreational and education purposes. We seek to educate the entire community and enlist its support and participation.

Call to order: A meeting of the Council on Aging of the Town of Northborough was called to order at 7:25PM by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present:

Ed Bombard, Member
President

Henry Squillante, Friends Vice

Phylis Muthee, Member
Gerry Anderson

Kelly Burke, Senior Center Director

The following were not present: Linda Cragin, Toni Pini, Alice Staplefield

Approval of the Minutes: As there was not a quorum the minutes were not approved

Friends report: Henry Squillante reported that the Country Store Fair was a success and raised more money than in any of the previous fairs. Upcoming fund raisers include a Garden Tour in conjunction with the Garden Club with refreshments at Whitney Place. The Friends will also hold a wine and beer tasting at Whiney in August. The Appeal letter donations are doing well.

Directors report: Kelly reviewed the snow cancellation policy which is: if school is cancelled, programs are cancelled. The staff reports for work unless the town administrator tells them not to report. Chair Yoga is on a break. George Bender takes over the leadership of the harmonica group for the winter. Yang style Tia Chi (a new offering) has 20 signed up. AARP Tax preparers will be at the Center from February to April. We will no longer feature trips with Collette as we have very few sign ups. However, they will honor the previous agreements that we will receive a percentage of the trip if the person signing up for a Collette trip asks that the Center receive the rebate. New England Hearing is coming back again as it was successful. We will have two English as a second language. Play piano by cord is a new class.

WRTA: No report other than WRT is using the new garage. Also we have a new van driver.

Bay Path Report: It is going to be a tough year for Bay Path as they are already running at a deficit. The question is how to cut overall expenses and not reduce program services. Presently Bay Path home delivers 356 meals a month. Home care support is going down and the amount of dollars the government will make available in the future is uncertain.

Old business:

There was no old business.

Community Awareness:

There was no community awareness.

New Business: The idea of having tournaments with prizes was brought up. The tournaments could be in pool, pitch, or cribbage. Prizes would be awarded. Other centers do this. It will be discussed further.

Adrienne asked everyone to prepare an elevator speech about what the Senior Center is for the next COA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM

Adrienne Cost, Chair