

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging
Oct. 11, 2016 7:00 Senior Center**

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 educational purposes. We seek to educate the entire community and enlist its support and participation.

1. Call to Order: A meeting of the Council on Aging of the Town of Northborough was called to order at 7:00 PM by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present:

Alice Stapelfeld, Member	Phylis Muthee Member
Jerry Anderson, Member	Anita Hagspiel, Friends
Linda Cragin, Member	Kelly Burke, Senior Center Director
Ed Bombard, Member	Joann Sharp, guest

The following were not present: Tony Pini

2. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes for the Oct 2016 meeting were approved.

3. Friends' Report

The float and booth for Applefest were very successful with 3-way cooperation between the Senior Center, COA and Friends. The High Tea and Fashion Show is on 10/15 with 90 tickets sold to date; models will share clothing from 1700 to 1900. Plans for the Country Store on 11/19 are on target with Muriel as chair. Planning continues for a spring garden tour and wine tasting event.

4. Director's Report

Kelly provided some new program updates – several new computer classes, an evening play, A Time to Laugh, a new women's discussion group, Sewing for Hope will share about sewing simple cotton dresses for children orphaned by AIDS, the Veterans' lunch is planned for Nov. 4th and two new part-time positions have been filled – Terry Leo will help coordinate the front desk at 19 hours a week and Mimi Witcher will support use of ServTracker and other computer resources at 10 hours a week.

5. WRTA Advisory Report

The grand opening of the garage was held.

6. Bay Path Report

Jerry reported that Bay Path is addressing some budgetary concerns and while Senior Care Options activity has increased, the count of Northborough residents served is down to 29 from an average of 40.

7. Old Business

No old business.

8. Community Awareness

Six ice cream coupons distributed at Applefest have been redeemed so far.

9. New Business

The building is well used and often at capacity these days. A concern about the limited number of handicapped parking spaces was discussed. Often people who do not need to park close do – making it difficult for others. Linda shared an approach at a previous job – a bumper stick that said "If it weren't for parking lots, most of us would never walk." And a physical therapist who counted out the steps from the parking lot to the front door and converted it to miles so employees could

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Linda Cragin, Secretary