

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
COUNCIL ON AGING

DATE: November 18, 2014

TIME AND PLACE: 1:30 p.m.  
Rm. 208  
Multi Service Center

IN ATTENDANCE: Corinne Baker  
Francine Balanca  
Rosalie Bulu  
Peter Dunlop  
Sharon Frank  
Gene Prejsner  
Nancy Sawyer  
Muriel June Slaney

ABSENT: Judith Grassi

GUESTS: Pam Dudley, Office Manager, (arrived 1:27)

Chairman Gene Prejsner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Chairman Prejsner asked that minutes from November 5, 2014 be distributed.
2. Guide for Council on Aging Board Members was distributed. This Guide was provided by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Each Board member read a section of the Guide out loud with other members following along. Each section was discussed at length. Many questions arose with particular attention to:
  - a. Public Records Law with regard to financial statements
  - b. Fundraising and the establishment of a 501(c)3 by individuals outside the Board
  - c. Watching the Budget in the absence of a Director
  - d. Who is actual Director of Council on Aging when that position has not been filled by the town

Chair Prejsner informed Board that he, Muriel Slaney and Peter Dunlop will be meeting with Town Administrator Derek Sullivan and will be discussing all of the above.

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3. It was decided the Board would decline Liz Pizzoli's offer to prepare and print the Senior Beacon but to undertake this project as a Board. Chairman Prejsner asked for volunteers to work on the committee for the Beacon. Rosalie Bulu, Sharon Frank, Nancy Sawyer and Muriel Slaney were appointed as the Beacon Committee. Chair Prejsner thanked Nancy Sawyer for securing the contract with Liturgical Publications Inc. and will present it to Mr. Sullivan at the upcoming meeting.

Questions arose about whether any political statements or opinions should be expressed in the Beacon. It was decided that the Board should not use the Beacon for political opinion but for informational purposes only.

4. Chairman Prejsner and Peter Dunlop discussed their meeting with Larry Gains of the Friends of Wareham's Eldery organization as follows:

- a. Mr. Gains stated the the Friends want nothing to do with the Council on Aging Board of Directors.
- b. It is written into the Friend's by-laws that they will not accept any Board member of the Council on Aging into membership.
- c. The Friend's total membership at present is 15.
- d. The work of the Friends consists primarily of helping individuals with housing, food, and heating problems or other emergencies that may arise.

5. Muriel Slaney, Clerk presented a letter asking for the resignation of Judith Grassi Letter was read and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the November 5, 2014 were approved by a vote of 8-0

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

December 3, 2014  
1:00 p.m.  
Room 208  
Multi Service Center

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:40 p.m.

Prepared by MurielJune Slaney, Clerk  
Attachments: Liturgical Publications contract  
Judith Grassi request for resignation letter

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WAREHAM MA

Ms. Judith Grassi  
c/o Wareham Town Clerk  
54 Marion Road  
Wareham Ma. 02571

Dear Ms. Grassi,

It is with regret that we must ask for your resignation from the Council on Aging Board of Directors due to continued absences from scheduled meetings.

While we appreciate your initial willingness to serve, it is a crucial time for the Council on Aging and we feel that we must have the participation of the full Board to achieve our goals.

Sincerely,



Gene Prejsner, Chairman  
Council on Aging  
Board of Directors

A TRUE COPY  
ATTEST



TOWN CLERK

cc: Town of Wareham Board of Selectmen  
Pam Dudley, Council on Aging Office Manager

*Upon delivering Selectmen's copy, Chair Prejsner discovered that Ms. Grassi had been removed without our knowledge.*