

MINUTES OF MEETING  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: December 3, 2014

TIME AND PLACE: 1:00 p.m.  
Room 208  
Multi-service Center

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

ABSENT: Francine Balanca

GUESTS: Pam Dudley, Office Manager

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Chairman Prejsner asked to have minutes from November 18, 2014 be distributed.
2. Terms of Office. Chairman Prejsner requested that the term of office for the Chairperson be reduced to one (1) year. After brief discussion, no decision was reached and Ms. Frank suggested that the Board table this issue and bring it up at a later date. Issue was tabled.
3. Rules and Regulations. Changes were made to the Board Rules and Regulations as follows:

Article V, section 3. Order of Business: Strike moment of silence  
Strike COA Director's report

These changes were accepted by a vote of 6-0. Pam Dudley, Office Manager, was asked to inform Matt Underhill of these changes and request that he bring the Rules and Regs up to date on the Council on Aging website. Changes made by previous Boards also needed to be brought up to date. i.e. membership of Board reduced from eleven (11) members to nine (9), copies of minutes to be distributed only to Town Clerk and Office Manager.

4. Beacon: Nancy Sawyer informed the Board that the signed contract for printing The Beacon had not been received as yet after changes were made by Town Counsel and forwarded to Liturgical Press. Ms. Sawyer with keep in touch with the Town Administrator to keep up to date with the status of the contract.

Ms. Slaney informed the Board that she will remove herself from the Beacon Committee after the first issue is published in order to work on reviving the food pantry.

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5. Volunteer appreciation dinner December 18th, and Christmas party December 23rd: Peter Dunlop will place announcements with WCTV and local news outlets. Corinne Baker offered to make favors and Pam Dudley presented favors she has created for the December 23rd event. Pam also asked for volunteers to set up tables for the December 23rd Christmas Party on that day from 10:30 - 11:30. Peter Dunlop volunteered to help out.

6. Formula Grant: Chairman Prejsner read from several sections of the Formula Grant requirements and presented the Senior Count by Municipality based on the 2010 Census. He noted that the State of Massachusetts has realized a \$100M shortfall to fund the Grant but the Town of Wareham should still receive the same amount as the census has not changed. Ms. Sandy Vickey\*\* suggested that although the Census has not changed, the dollar amount per citizen could change, thereby reducing the funding available to every Town in the Commonwealth.

\*\*Ms. Sandy Vickey and Ms. Pat Haude attended the meeting. They both have been involved with Councils on Aging for 20 years. Ms. Vickey is past Vice President of MCOA.

7. Library. Co-chainwoman Sharon Frank related discussions regarding combining the Library and the Council on Aging in the Library building. Ms. Priscilla Porter had asked her to prepare a list of required space and their use. Ms. Frank and Corinne Baker prepared and presented an outline of suggested space requirements. Corinne Baker suggested that some members of the Council on Aging board attend a Library Board meeting. She will find out when they are meeting next.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Member Slaney expressed an interest in reviving the on-site food pantry. Discussed briefly, but no decision reached. Decided that it would be brought up at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 18, 2014 minutes approved on a vote of 6-0

NEXT MEETING January 7, 2015  
1:00 p.m.  
Room 208  
Multi-service Center

Prepared by Muriel June Slaney, Clerk

*Muriel J. Slaney*

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TOWN CLERK

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