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Wellfleet COA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 30, 2005

Wednesday

Present: Adele Anderson, Dennis Cunningham, Debra Giza, Barbara Larsen, Evelyn Minarik, Peg Rasmussen, Sandy Wonders, Dian Reynolds, Jacqui Wildes-Beebe, Suzanne Grout Thomas.

- * Jacqui distributed the agenda, a list of Board members, 2006 meeting dates and the COA Constitution and By-Laws. She also introduced Dian Reynolds, new Board member, and Suzanne Grout Thomas, who will be Jacqui's successor. Jacqui reviewed the process of hiring her replacement, explaining that the decision is made by Tim Smith, Town Administrator. Sandy participated in the interviews and obtained input in advance from some staff and Board members. Suzanne has begun work already, allowing for transitional overlap with Jacqui, whose last day is December 2. Jacqui will continue to be involved as a volunteer on the PACE/SCO and Care Campus projects.
- * Jacqui reported that Tim Smith has authorized a full time outreach position for Linda Balch effective July 1st with an earlier increase in hours as the budget allows. Jacqui also said the Finance Committee is very pleased with the revenue from renting space at the Senior Center.
- * **PROGRAM UPDATES:**
 1. *Sea Babies* is expected to open within the next few weeks. We toured the space and were pleased to see the work in progress.
 2. The *Care Campus* project involves two phases – adding Outer Cape Health (OCH) services to Senior Center property and construction of elder housing across the driveway. A group has been meeting on the housing aspect since August under the authority of the Selectmen. Two major problems are being addressed: the need for a new well at the Boy Scout Camp and the prohibition of a health clinic within the National Seashore. Jacqui explained that the issues are complicated but not insurmountable.
 3. We are still in the running for federal start-up funding for a rural *PACE* project, but it now appears that a state program, Senior Care Options (SCO) may have greater advantages and both are being pursued. SCO could serve a greater and more diverse population (not just nursing-home eligible, frail elders) and seems more flexible. OCH supports SCO since one of the four providers is Beth Israel/Deaconess, a partner of OCH.
 4. The *Senior Tax Work-Off* program has been reauthorized by the Selectmen and assigned to the COA for management. Six positions have been developed and age and income eligible seniors can work up to 100 hours to earn a maximum reduction of \$750 in their property taxes. Board members recommend that the program be publicized to town residents and department heads.
- * Sandy reported that there have been some resignations from the Board of the Friends of the COA. New members are: May Lee Duff, Rich Rosenthal and Bailey Ruckert. The November bake sale generated about \$500, so thanks to all who baked, helped and bought!
- * *Where do we go from here?*
It was agreed to review the Constitution and By-Laws and come to the December 28th meeting with suggested changes as well as proposed goals (including actions and time lines) for the Board to consider. Possibilities discussed were a "Board section" in *The Wave* newsletter, developing a flyer for distribution at Town Meeting on what is available from the COA, requesting data from the Fire Dept. Home Safety Assessments, and a needs assessment. Deb is particularly interested in the newsletter and Peg is skilled at publishing. Newsletters from other COA's are available at the Senior Center. Suzanne's experience developing surveys and analyzing results would be helpful for a needs assessment.

Sandy Wonders

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