

**Town of Norfolk Council on Aging
Minutes of Board Meeting**

June 19, 2017

Mr. Jay Talerman, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Jay Talerman, Chairman; Ms. Beth Vallee, Vice Chairman; Ms. Charlotte Pfischner, Secretary; Ms. Janice Axberg; Mr. Richard Connors; Mr. Thomas Mirabile; Ms. Barbara Phillips

Associate Members in Attendance: None

HESSCO Representative: Mr. Gerry Calhoun

Friends and Guests: Ms. Christina Gleason

Staff in Attendance: None

Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2017 were read and approved unanimously by voice vote after a motion for approval was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Mirabile.

Financial Report: None

Senior Report: None

Correspondence: None

Staff Report: None

Ms. Vallee commented that a new watercolor class has started (Thurs. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Areas of Concern:

- Mr. Connors related that the Friends will be holding lunch and the customary third Wednesday Trivia at the Grange on Wed. June 21. Coincidentally lunch and The BBC and the Irish Troubles program are planned for the Senior Center at the same time. It was decided that, since neither Ms. Quinn nor Mr. Crane were in attendance, no conclusion could be drawn regarding how this offsite situation evolved.
- It was suggested that all activities and events held at the Senior Center if noted on the Silver Set Gazette calendar could assist with coordination of space, avoiding overlaps and provide an "at a glance" for Seniors. Space constraints on the current calendar could require a change in the calendar format.
- Ms. Pfischner noted that the new Senior Bus seems to be parked at the Senior Center for extended periods of time. The purpose of the garage at the school (Freeman Kennedy) is to protect the bus. A discussion recounted the history of the former bus which rusted, rather than aged out, incidents of mice nests, as well as efforts to obtain a garage space. It was suggested sun can have as much damaging effects as winter salting and if the current space isn't being used, it could become unavailable.

HESSCO Representative Report:

Mr. Calhoun

- Distributed the most recent informational brochure detailing HESSCO services.
- HESSCO is concerned about the health care bill secret discussions in Congress.

- Federal funding for SHINE is expected to be eliminated in a year. The service would be transferred to 1-800-MEDICARE. Massachusetts may fund the program for a period of time.
- There are no income limits for using the Case Management services of HESSCO. However, those who do not meet income limits are required to pay for services for which they've been referred.

Legislative Report: None

Friends of the COA Report: None

Group Activities: None

Unfinished Business:

Various

- The Wine Tasting event held June 9 at 6:30 p.m. brought some new faces to the Senior Center and was marked with lively conversation.
- Ms. Axberg thanked those present and used the opportunity to invite them to participate in future activities at the Senior Center.
- For future events, it was suggested that the presenter be offered the use of the microphone.

New Business:

- COA board member terms for Mr. Jay Taleran, Ms. Charlotte Howard, and Ms. Charlotte Pfischner expire June 30, 2017.
- Ms. Pfischner reiterated that, for personal reasons, she will not seek reappointment at this time.
- Mr. Taleran suggested September as a target for the next COA Board event.

Motion to adjourn at 10:38 a.m. was made by Mr. Taleran, seconded by Mr. Mirabile.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,



Charlotte Pfischner, Secretary

July 10, 2017

Next Meeting July 17, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.