

DEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2016

Present: Leanne Jasset, Sherri Hannigan, Geraldine Pacheco, Russ Poole, Diane Barry Preston, Maureen Teti, COA Director Laura Leventhal

Absent: Marie Louise Kehoe, Sandra Tocman, HESSCO Representative Ann Heller

Guest (s): Myrna Weiner

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM.

Open Discussion: None

Minutes: There was no meeting in March due to the lack of a quorum. Russ made a motion, seconded by Diane, to accept the February minutes. It was so voted. Sherri Hannigan voted present, as she did not attend the February meeting.

Directors Report: March

- Staff update: A temporary van driver has been hired.
- Friends Update: The address for bank statements has been updated.
- Classes: Floral Design at Traditions and computer classes at the high school.
- Entertainment: Marcus the Singing Dog, Music Through the Decades, and a St. Patty's Day luncheon at Traditions.
- Informational presentations: TRIAD and the quarterly Legal Clinic.
- Services: Manicurist appointments are available one day a week.
- The Northeastern Research program has been canceled.

Director's Report: April

- Staff update: CPR and AED training was provided by Fallon Ambulance Service staff who also serviced the center's emergency equipment.
- Laura did a presentation of current and future senior activities at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
- Friends update: Mary Louise Kehoe Wilson will serve as the ex officio treasurer for the Friends until the group is reorganized.
- Board update: There is an open meeting informational meeting on April 27th.
- Classes: Mah Jong on Wednesdays from 1-3, ceramics, Painting with Fran, and Garden Works with Sara.
- Entertainment: Susan MacLeod Orchestra of One.
- Services: Manicurist appointments have been well received.
- Informational Presentations: Massachusetts Equipment Distribution presentation with free specialized phones for the hearing and/or visually impaired and the Amanda Home Care presentation and luncheon.
- Upcoming: Walk the trail and Talk about the proposal for the Rail Trail at the Town Hall on April 29th, TRIAD meeting May 9th, and classes in ceramics and Gardenworks.

- Special events: The Julia Ruth House Tea Time and on June 21st the Over 90's Luncheon.

HESSCO:

- Sherri reported there will be a slight increase in home health care services to offset the rise in managerial expenses.

Old Business:

- The Livable Dedham Forum was very well attended even though it was a snowy evening. Local cable is showing a video of the forum. There was discussion of the value of perhaps showing the video at Town Meeting.
- Diane said the Livable Dedham Needs Assessment was sent to 5,700 seniors. Over 10% have been returned as of this date. A Dedham High School senior has done all the data entry. During the summer the data will be analyzed and focus groups will be formed in the fall.
- Diane said the questions to be addressed in the future are: How do we sustain this plan for the future? Will it be a nonprofit or a board? Will there be fundraising?
- Myrna Weiner said she would like to see seniors become more involved and play more of a role. She suggested the video be shown at a COA meeting with discussion following. She stressed that the time for planning is now. Maureen Teti said the Board had met with the director's of the Needham Senior Center in January and the Medfield Center in February. The Board and staff will continue to gather information in the coming months as plans for the new senior center are developed. Everyone is welcome to attend the COA Board meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM.
- Senior Center update: Demolition in the interior of the Ames School is done and the contractor will be chosen soon to begin the renovation of the building.

New Business:

- Citing the need for a secondary signer for the payroll, Russ made the motion that Geri Pacheco become the secondary signer. Sherri seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Motion made by Geri seconded by Russ, to adjourn. So voted.

Meeting adjourned 5:55 PM.

