

**WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2010**

Board Members Attending: Roseann Brozenske, Susan Carp, Dick Eddy, Mary Kelly, Luci Lynch, Cil Moscatiello, and Merle Welsh

Associate Member: Nancy Spofford

COA Director: Trudy Reid

Meeting opened at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes of the November 10th meeting were approved as submitted, and Notes from the December meeting acknowledged.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

H-W COA Van: No recent updates from the vendor. However he was asked to provide the Director with 2 weeks notice of delivery, to allow time to have a check prepared. No new name will be used.

Program Recap: Lunch at the North Shore Voc School's Log Bridge Inn was held on January 5th, with 20 people attending. 15 used the school bus.

Upcoming Programs: Assertiveness Training for Independent Seniors by Comfort Keepers, is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th at 10 A.M. at the Library. The program will last about 2 hours.

FY11 COA Budget - The Director stated that she actually submitted a budget with an increase of 8.9%. The Selectmen did not cut this amount, however it is difficult to predict what the FinCom will do.

Wellness Clinic: The Director has a meeting with the Essex Rehab on Friday to discuss their doing this clinic on a volunteer basis. She will keep us updated.

Friends Financial Requests: The Director will be attending the Friends Meeting on January 30th, and at that time will be submitting requests for a heavy duty paper shredder and a literature stand.

State Ethics - Signed Forms from Board members will be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, January 15th. Also, by April 15th there is an on-line training session, which takes about 30 minutes to complete. Any one with no access to a computer can make arrangements to use the COA Office computer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kite Day - Dick Eddy reported that his committee will be meeting again on January 15th. He will keep us updated on the results.

Coffee Hours - The December Coffee with a program by the High School chorus Harmony, was well received. January's Coffee featured a very emotional session of World War II memories by local Veterans. At the present time there is a need for ideas for the February program. Several options were discussed, including a State program for low interest loans for seniors to make modifications to their homes, Home safety, and a travel video of Italy.

Movies - Roseann noted that there would be no movie in January, do to the Special Election. February's feature will be "Julie and Julia".

Friends - Mary Kelly stated that the next Friends meeting will be held on Saturday January 30 and will be on their Budget for the coming year. She reported that the Quilt is coming along very well, with hopes for a March completion date.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Director noted that the new art work on exhibit is by Miranda Updyke. She is the daughter of author John Updyke. No new artists are on schedule. The Director mentioned that there is no Art Committee at the present time, so suggestions are appreciated.

There was a recent request from a resident to rent the building for a private party. This might be a source of income in the future, however, there would be many things to consider before getting involved. The Director has spoken to the Town Administrator regarding this idea.

NEW BUSINESS:

There has been an offer by someone to do Tax Preparation for Senior's in their homes. There will be more on this in next month's News Letter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Next Meeting - February 9th at 1:30 P.M.

Lucille Lynch, Secretary