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Patricia Gold, *Chairperson*

Minutes of C.O.A. Board Meeting – March 9, 2011

Members present: Pat Gold, Will Twombly, and Hagop Sarkissian.

Members Excused Absence: Mike Donham, Dottie Fleming, Mary Keenan, and Jane Stadolnik.

Staff members present: Caryl Fox, Kathleen Wolf, Debbie Dunn, and Laura Gold.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

1. The minutes of the February meeting were read by Board members. Will Twombly made a motion to approve the minutes and Hagop Sarkissian seconded. Passed.

2. Financial Statements:

Board members reviewed the financial statements. Caryl Fox noted that transfers will be made to the electricity and the emergency assistance fund to provide needed money until the end of the fiscal year. The Marshall Home Fund has awarded an interim grant for the Supplemental Taxi Project so that service can continue for this valued program.

3. Senior Parking Sticker Update:

Since the program began on October 1, 2010, more than three hundred and fifty seniors have received stickers for parking at the two hour meters in the municipal lots. People let us know that they are appreciative of this new program. The Police Department is concerned that the sticker is difficult for the parking meter workers to see. We will look into other permit forms.

4. Winter Weather Impact on Parking and Programs:

When the Town banned all on-street parking due to the snow this caused more people to rely on the Phillips School lot including neighbors, high school teachers and students. When seniors were unable to find spaces and had to leave without attending activities, Caryl Fox let the Town Manager know of the difficulty. The Police and School departments, along with D.P.W. all investigated the problem. The situation was relieved when the Town permitted daytime parking on one side of the street. The harsh winter kept some people from attending their usual activities. As it gets closer to spring, more people are back at the Center.

5. AARP Income Tax Program 2011:

This year's program has served more than forty people so far, and the expectation is for about

one hundred people to be helped by the end of the tax season. The AARP volunteers are trained by the IRS. Seniors who come for assistance are from Watertown with low and moderate incomes, and fairly simple returns.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox