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Council on Aging
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Patricia Gold, Chairperson

Minutes of COA Board Meeting- January 9, 2013

Members present: Mary Keenan, Will Twombly, Hagop Sarkissian, Mike Donham, V.V. Martin, and Carol Airasian.

Member excused absence: Pat Gold and Dorothy Brown.

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

The meeting was called to order by COA Board member, Mary Keenan.

1. Board members read the [minutes](#) of last month's meeting. Will Twombly made a motion to approve the minutes and V.V. Martin seconded. Passed.

2. Financial Statements:

The [financial statements](#) were reviewed by Board members. Caryl Fox noted that all of the line items are within the parameters of where they should be at this point in the fiscal year. Mike Donham made a motion to approve and V.V. Martin seconded. Passed.

3. New Private Transportation Service in Watertown:

Marketing [material](#) from the Independent Transportation Network, a new service for Watertown seniors, was made available to Board members. This is a national non-profit company which uses volunteer drivers in their own cars to drive people to medical and other appointments. Participants pay a yearly membership of sixty dollars, and then a per trip fee of four dollars, plus a dollar and fifty cents per mile. Drivers can "bank" their hours in case they ever need the service themselves or a family member. People also get hours if they donate their car.

4. COA Capital Improvement Requests: FY '14 - FY '18:

Each fiscal year, the Town Manager and Town Council have approved funding for capital improvements for the Senior Center. In FY '14, the request is for a new roof. Caryl Fox stressed that the objective is to get estimates and assessments in order to ascertain whether it is needed at this time. A patch was put in about five years ago to fix a major leak. FY '15 through FY '18 requests include new bathroom fixtures and tiling, exterior painting, and new chairs for activities in the Phillips gym. This year we will be getting a new replacement deck and new curtains.

5. Problems with Electrical Costs:

Board member, Mike Donham, made a motion to table this item until the next Board meeting when Chairperson, Pat Gold, will return as she requested this as an agenda item. V.V. Martin seconded the motion. Passed.

6. Open Meeting Law: Late Breaking Matters and New/Old Business:

Mike Donham, made a motion to table this item until Chairperson, Pat Gold, returns at the February meeting as she requested this topic. V.V. Martin seconded. Passed.

7. Outreach to the Aging LGBT:

An [article](#) that was in the Boston Globe on December 10, 2012 on LGBT issues was included in the Board packets. Mike Donham made a motion to table this item until the February meeting when Pat Gold will be present. V.V. Martin seconded. Passed.

8. Will Twombly announced that the annual Martin Luther King Breakfast will be held on January 21, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hellenic Center. The program features a speaker and entertainment.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox