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Patricia Gold, Chairperson

Minutes of COA Board Meeting - June 11, 2014

Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, Mike Donham, Carol Airasian, V.V. Martin, Burt Greenberg, Alice Wadden, and Linda Moffitt.

Member excused absence: Dorothy Brown

Staff members present: Caryl Fox and Debbie Dunn.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson, Pat Gold.

1. Board members read the [minutes](#) of the May meeting. V.V. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Donham seconded. Passed.

2. [Financial Statements](#):

The fiscal year ends on June 30, 2014, although expenses can be paid through mid-July. This month we used monies in the Revolving Fund to pay for piano tuning, motion picture licensing (to show DVD's), and volunteer gifts. The Food Pantry continues to be in good shape, with money and food. Alfredo Bartolozzi, Food Pantry Coordinator, received a large donation of items from Stop & Shop, which he transported to the Pantry.

3. Introduction of New Board Member:

Linda Moffitt was welcomed as the COA's newest Board member. Ms. Moffitt moved to Watertown several years ago from Rochester, N.Y. where she worked for thirteen years as a geriatric case worker, including two years as a supervisor. We will update the list of addresses and emails of Board members.

4. [FY '15 Budget](#) Update:

The COA budget hearing was held on May 31, 2014 and the Town Budget was passed by the Town Council on June 10, 2014. Our budget contains small increases in several line items and a one thousand dollar increase in emergency assistance. The budget reflects union and non-union increases for all COA staff.

5. Capital Improvement Update:

The Senior Center deck has been completed and looks great. We will get some chairs and a table to put outside. We will be getting new blinds for the Center through the FY '14 EOEA Formula Grant. In FY '15, the plan is to refurbish the fire doors to the gm, in

collaboration with the Fire Department. We also want to purchase new curtains which haven't been replaced since the building opened.

6. Watertown's Draft Comprehensive Plan:

A public meeting will be held concerning the draft plan on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at six-thirty in the Middle School. Caryl Fox reviewed all sections with the Board members that pertained to seniors and aging issues. The plan gave clear recognition to the need for affordable and accessible units, the need for safety and funding programs for repairs, and the importance of health and social service availability to an older population.

7. The next Friends of the COA meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at one in the afternoon at the Senior Center.

8. There will not be an August COA Board meeting. In September, the meeting will be a week later than usual; on Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

9. Caryl Fox told Board members that Laura Gold will be retiring on July 18, 2014 from her position as the caseworker for the COA after twenty-two years. She is planning to move to California. Caryl Fox, Mary Keenan, and Pat Gold spoke about the excellent skilled and dedicated work that Laura Gold has done for Watertown seniors.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox