

Minutes of COA Board Meeting – July 8, 2015

Board Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, Carol Airasian, V.V. Martin, Dorothy Jean Brown, Alice Wadden, Burt Greenberg and Linda Moffitt

Staff Members present: Caryl Fox and Debbie Dunn

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

1. The Board Members reviewed the minutes from the June meeting. V.V. Martin made a motion to approve and Dorothy Jean Brown seconded. Passed

2. Financial Statements:

Caryl highlighted areas from the financial statements which reflected the end of the fiscal year. Money left in the electricity and gas line items go back to the Town towards the ESCO project. There was \$800.00 transferred from Program Services to Emergency Assistance. The Food Pantry received fewer donations in the summer. The fund-raising campaign will begin in the fall.

3. FY '16 EOEI Formula Grant:

The State has increased the funding for the annual formula grant given to all COA's. The formula is based on the number of seniors in each town. The more than \$6000.00 in additional funding will enable us to add 3 more hours per week for the part-time positions of program coordinator, principal account clerk and case worker.

4. Senior Shuttle Update:

The bus still needs body repair work which will be done when the parts are in. After 2 trial runs and 7 regular Friday runs to the new Market Basket in Waltham, a decision was made to return to the Stop & Shop on Pleasant Street. Our driver and a number of regular riders had difficulty with the traffic and the amount of walking needed in the large store. The management of the Stop & Shop welcomed seniors back with coffee and pastry. Later this month the bus will be used to take a group of Watertown special needs adults to the Special Olympic try-outs in Framingham. The driver's salary for that trip is paid by Special Olympics.

5. Information on the SHINE program:

In the past 12 months, the SHINE volunteer has had 93 appointments. Many of the people she sees are turning 65 years old and are seeking information on applying for Medicare and a health care supplement. She also works with individuals who have a problem or crisis and need advocacy and assistance as well as information. Jean Mitchell has been our SHINE worker for many years and does a great job.

6. There was a discussion about unwanted phone calls from businesses and organizations even though they are on the "do not call list". Many of these calls are targeted to seniors and some people may be very vulnerable to sales pitches.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox