

**COUNCIL ON AGING
WALPOLE, MASSACHUSETTS
AUGUST 27, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Council on Aging was held on Thursday, August 27, 2015, in the Aurelia M. Newell (Senior) Center. The following people were present:

Dolores Efthim, Chairperson, Regular Member
Ann Murphy, Vice Chairperson, Regular Member
Jim Pellegrine, Treasurer, Regular Member
Terry Lehrman, Regular Member
Rich McCarthy, Regular Member
Robert Moody, Regular Member
Edith Noyes, Regular Member
Henry Scanzio, Regular Member
Mary Jones, Associate Member
Laurel St. Pierre, Outreach Worker
Courtney Riley, Director

The following guest was present: Arthur Aho

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for two former members of the Council who recently passed away – Florence Sundquist and Victor Serena.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Rich McCarthy to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Henry Scanzio and passed (7-0-0).

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the report were distributed by Jim Pellegrine. He then proceeded to review the figures with the members. He stated that the Expense Account is a little less this year and may have to be changed. A motion was made by Henry Scanzio to accept the treasurer's report with the proposed change. The motion was seconded and passed (7-0-0).

Director's Report

Courtney Riley expressed thankfulness for Florence and all she did for the Council and she will be missed. Courtney also welcomed Laurel St. Pierre as the new outreach worker.

Courtney explained that membership issues were to be discussed at this meeting. However, she was told that membership changes have to go through the Board of Selectmen. Presently, the Council is a board of 11 members, not 9, which is the suggested change. The change will be re-submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

Dolores Efthim expressed concern over Mary Serena because Charlwell House is not answering the telephone. Courtney said she will try to call her after the meeting and find out where she is and will let everyone know. A motion was made by Bob Moody to accept the director's report. The motion was seconded by Henry Scanzio and passed (7-0-0).

Patrick Shield, the new recreation director, stopped by and was introduced by Courtney.

Outreach Worker's Report

Laurel St. Pierre invited members to stop by her office any time. She stated she still has some Farmers Market coupons available. Sympathy cards for the families of Florence Sundquist and Victor Serena were passed around for people to sign.

Van Report

The van report was given by Courtney. During July, the 19-passenger van carried 64 passengers, the 17-passenger van carried 242 people, and the 12-passenger van carried 80 passengers for a total of 386 passengers. The 19-passenger van traveled 88 miles, the 17-passenger van traveled 938 miles, and the 12-passenger van traveled 365 miles for a total of 1391 miles. The 19-passenger van used 25 gallons of gas, the 17-passenger van used 170 gallons of gas, and the 12-passenger van used 56 gallons of gas for a total of 251 gallons of gas. Courtney stated that she is looking into replacing the 19-passenger van. A motion was made by Rich McCarthy to accept the van report. The motion was seconded by Terry Lehrman and passed (7-0-0).

HESSCO

Jim Pellegrine stated that there will be a Caregivers Day at Lake Pearl on September 24. A motion was made by Rich McCarthy to accept the HESSCO report. It was seconded by Henry Scanzio and passed (7-0-0).

Senior Center Status

Courtney said the candidates for project manager for the building project(s) is down to two. Some buildings on South Street are still being demolished. The original plan was to do all three projects at once. It was passed at Town Meeting but voters turned it down. At the Spring Town Meeting the building of the police station was approved as well as the architectural work for the Senior Center and the fire station. The police station will be built with the money that is available at this time.

Old Business

Nominations for the coming year are as follows: Dolores Efthim, Chairperson; Ann Murphy, Vice Chairperson; Jim Pellegrine, Treasurer; and Theresa Lehrman, Secretary. A vote was taken for each nominee individually. A motion was made by Henry Scanzio and seconded by Jim Pellegrine to vote for Dolores Efthim as chairperson. The motion passed (6-0-01). A motion was made by Jim Pellegrine and seconded by Bob Moody to vote for Ann Murphy as vice chairperson. The motion passed (6-0-1). A motion was made by Bob Moody to vote for Jim Pellegrine as treasurer. The motion was seconded by Rich McCarthy and passed (6-0-1). A motion was made by Bob Moody to vote for Terry Lehrman as secretary. The motion was seconded by Henry Scanzio and passed (6-0-1).

Carried over from the June meeting, Rich McCarthy spoke about the possibility of having a poker tournament as a fundraiser for the Council. The subject was tabled to November or April.

A website for the Council was discussed. It should be ready in mid-October. It will be for information only (updates, etc.).

Dolores brought up the subject of a new building for the Senior Center and mentioned the Franklin Senior Center as an example. She compared the senior population of Walpole as 4960 seniors to 4399 in Franklin. She will contact other senior centers and get ideas and learn from their experiences of what problems to avoid in building a Center.

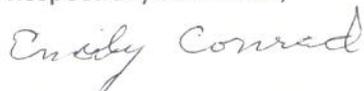
New Business

None.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. Because the Walpole Co-operative Bank is scheduling its annual buffet on the fourth Thursday of the month in October, which is the usual date for the Council's meeting, the October meeting will take place on October 15, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. On September 16, the fire station will sponsor an expo and lunch at the fire station for seniors.

A motion was mde by Henry Scanzio to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ann Murphy and passed (7-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Emily Conrad, Secretary