

**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**WALPOLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**JUNE 25, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Council on Aging was held on Thursday, June 25, 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  
Courtney Riley, Director

The following guests were present: Arthur Aho and Mary Pozza

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made to accept the secretary's report by Terry Lehrman. The motion was seconded by Jim Pellegrine and passed ((7-0-0)).

**Treasurer's Report**

Jim Pellegrine distributed copies of the treasurer's report. He stated that the new fiscal year for the Town starts on July 1. The COA Gift Account has not changed since last month. Courtney will re-apply for the Formula Grant. The Expense Account will roll back. The Revolving Account Health Funding is held between the Health Department and the COA. A motion was made by Henry Scanzio and seconded by Rich McCarthy. It was approved (7-0-0).

### Director's Report

Courtney Riley announced that the position for the new outreach worker is down to two candidates. Something will be done to honor Conchita Geyer, the outgoing outreach worker. An envelope will be provided for people to donate as they wish. Money that is donated will be given to a charity of her choice. A book will also be provided for people to write their memories of Conchita on July 22. She will be moving on July 6.

Senior swim time is available every day 12 noon – 1 p.m. It is free for seniors and includes the new splash pad. A new recreation director has been hired – Patrick Shield. Courtney suggested that people go to the Recreation Department and welcome the new director. Courtney also welcomed the COA's newest member, Rich McCarthy. Mary Serena has officially stepped down as a member (Mary and Victor are both at Charlwell House.). A motion was made that the goal be to have 10 regular members and one associate. The motion was seconded and passed (7-0-0).

The question was asked – Why can't we have two buses for one trip? Answer – A second bus is not always available or else maybe two drivers are not available.

### Outreach Worker

No report.

### Van Report

Courtney reported that, during May, the 19-passenger van carried 80 passengers; the 17-passenger bus carried 190 people; and the 12-passenger bus carried 40 people for a total of 310 passengers. The 19-passenger bus traveled 198 miles, the 17-passenger bus traveled 726 miles, and the 12-passenger bus traveled 299 miles for a total of 1223 miles. The 19-passenger bus used 29 gallons of gas, the 17-passenger bus used 123 gallons of gas, and the 12-passenger bus used 41 gallons of gas for a total of 193 gallons of gas.

Terry Lehrman stated that certain people are being eliminated from coming to meetings of the COA because transportation is not available. Courtney replied that there is never enough transportation. She also stated that, today, there was a person picked up to come to the meeting.

### Senior Citizen Club

Edith Noyes reported that Mary Murphy has retired as president of the Club. Nobody has yet taken over. The Club is now looking for a president and a treasurer

**HESSCO**

Jim Pellegrine reported that Farmers Market coupons should be coming in the first part of July. Appreciation Day for Caregivers will be held at Four Points Sheraton in Norwood on September 24.

**Senior Center Status**

Courtney stated interviews are taking place for a project manager. The land is still being cleaned. There is money for the plans. Bob Moody brought up the fact that some people are calling it a community center because veterans are coming besides the seniors. Some people are calling it a senior center; some are calling it an adult center. Whatever it is called, it will continue to be used by other groups as is the present senior center. The Recreation Department will not be a permanent part of the new building.

**Old Business**

Edith Noyes reported for the Nominating Committee. The following people are nominated to be elected in August: Dolores Efthim, Chairperson; Ann Murphy, Vice Chairperson; Jim Pellegrine, Treasurer; Theresa Lehrman, Secretary; and Lois Horner and Rich McCarthy, Regular Members. A motion was made by Henry Scanzio to have a Council on Aging meeting in August. The motion was seconded by Terry Lehrman. The motion passed (6-1-0). The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27. Courtney stated that all members need to have a project starting in September. Courtney pointed out that the secretary who does the minutes is paid by the Town. The Council's secretary will be the one to call people if a meeting is canceled, etc.

Courtney was not sure if the Senior Center would be open on the Night Before the Fourth. There will be no BINGO on that day because the fireworks will be getting set up with explosives.

**New Business**

Florence Sundquist is at the Ellis Nursing Home since she fell again.

Rich McCarthy is working on a proposal for the Council to have a fundraiser. It would be an annual event. He will keep Council members up to date. A motion was made by Henry Scanzio to look into this proposal. The motion was seconded by Terry Lehrman and passed (7-0-0).

Dolores Efthim brought up another activity for raising money – have a bazaar. Courtney was in favor of it but said that COA members would have to run it. Between now and August 27 members should be making a list of what they would like to see at the new senior center. They should also be making a list of items they would be willing to donate for the bazaar. They should also decide what project they would like to work on as a member of the Board.

A motion was made by Ann Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Henry Scanzio and passed (7-0-0).

*Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Conrad*