

Council on Aging, Board of Directors, September 12, 2012
TOWN OF SCITUATE MASSACHUSETTS

Scituate Council on Aging Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2012

In attendance: Pam Davis – chairman, Dale Balog, Joan Powers, Audrey Reidy, Meg Stillman, and Florence Choate – director.

Meeting called to order at 6:07PM. Election of officers was postponed to the October 10th meeting.

Introduction of board members was made.

The approval of the August board meeting minutes was postponed until October as the wrong minutes were sent out.

Directors reports: The COA continues to use the SHBC as much as possible. Scheduling has been a challenge at times with all the groups using the building. The process is cumbersome occasionally, having to juggle dates until one fits. The Prescription Drug program was held at the SHBC in conjunction with FACTS, a town and school organization. It was well attended and the level of participation was high. A daytime informational meeting was held for GATRA, to explain how the bus system would work and where it would travel. She hopes to have more meetings as several people don't know what GATRA is, or does. Ms. Choate is glad to have several groups and depts. working together and reaching out to each other. A dinner put on by the "Twelve women of Scituate" organization will be held for the seniors on Nov. 7th. Programs: All programs were operating with the exception of cardio, zumba, and arthritis exercise. The next luncheon, put on by Allerton House/ Welch Company will be a combination lunch and game show, on Oct. 2nd. Donations are still coming in, allowing the COA to do more for the seniors who need assistance. Programs that have moved to the community building have increased in size and are running twice a week now, with the exception of knitting which is still at the COA. The seniors need to have a working phone at the community bldg. The Arthritis Exercise class which is for the more fragile seniors will stay at the COA as well.

The survey results came in. 60% of the surveys were returned and that ratings for the staff and services offered by the COA were highly rated; comments were very negative regarding the condition of the building and lack of parking.

Social Services: Home visits-6, office visits @COA-36, meetings attended-1, phone calls- 54, referrals-21, duplicated numbers-110, unduplicated (first time visit) numbers-46. The staff has been working on fuel assistance renewals. The COA was contacted by the Salvation Army seeking assistance for low income residents in town. They were referred to Susan Phippen and Community Christmas. Transportation: August daily rides-591, LINK-71, volunteer-10, total-672. Total van miles driven-1405.

OLD BUSINESS: The meeting with the Housing authority was postponed at their request and is rescheduled for October 9th. Meeting was to discuss the Driftway property. The Selectmen are expected to announce the decision on the use of Pier 44 at their meeting next week. Meg Stillman said the "Friends of Scituate" group which is seeking a new school wants to reach out to the COA to show support for a senior center. We'll try to meet with them in the future.

NEW BUSINESS: The chairman asked the director if she had met with Kevin Kelly, the facilities manager, yet about the COA building. The director hopes to set one up soon. The chairman brought up the subject of establishing a new 501-3C, as the old one does not appear to be functioning. A plea was put out, asking for people interested in starting a new one to benefit the COA to contact the chairman. The 501-3C is an independent organization that has it's own mission. It would be nice to have one that could assist the COA with special programs and raising funds for special needs of the COA. The Duxbury 501-3C had raised over \$100K by the time the town was ready to build a new COA, which was a tremendous help to them.

Joan Powers reported that the South Shore Elder Services has chosen a new caterer, Lindley, to provide the meals on wheels. They have also elected a new director, Sandra Lindsey. Jerry Fierimonte has provided the information to the director to access the funds available to the COA from the Commission on

Disabilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM

ADDENDUM TO COA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 9-12-12

Agenda and minutes are available at the Town Clerks office.

Director reports are available at the COA, 27 Brook St., Scituate