

## **Council of Aging, Board of Directors, August 8, 2012**

TOWN OF SCITUATE MASSACHUSETTS

Scituate Council on Aging  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 8, 2012

Attendees: Pam Davis-Chairman, Florence Choate-Director, Dale Balog, Joan Powers, Jim Harmon, Meg Stillman, Richard Mitchell, Audrey Reidy, Rocky Carrabes.

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

Election of officers for 2012-2013 terms.

--Postponed until next meeting when all Board Members will be present.

3. Vote To Accept Minutes of July, 2012 Meeting:

--Accepted unanimously after the Chairwoman's amendment.

Staff and Director Reports:

Director:

PROGRAMS --Quiet month for July. Many folks are away. There is much paperwork and reports to be made and grants to write. The yearly report to the State documents ALL of our services rendered, type and stats on those served. The outcome of the Formula Grant this year was good! We are now paid against the 2010 census \$7.00 per senior as opposed to our prior rate of \$6.25. With 4334 seniors in Scituate (as of 2010) we have funds from this grant totaling \$30,338.00!

--GATRA is having an informational session at the SHCB on Aug. 21, 2012. Posters and fliers are around town and the newspapers have been notified. The newspapers also received a notice that we are sharing a program with FACTS on Monday, Aug. 20 at 7:00 PM. This program covers information on prescription drugs, addiction to them and safe disposal of them.

--We are getting ready to produce our Newsletter for September/October. More information will be within its pages for any new programs we are offering.

--Many, many thanks to our Volunteers for their time, gifts and dedication to all of us in reaching a common goal.

--Our Fall programs are either in the Senior Center or SHCB category as some are held here at the Center and others at the SHCB. We are fortunate indeed to have both venues as our community grows.

--Cardio with Chris is increasing from one to two sessions weekly and we plan to expand Yoga and Chair Yoga. Our Memoir Writing class with Dale Balog is coming back to the Center as is Art class and Arthritis Exercise. We are adding beginners Italian and hope to put a Pottery class together. Men's Breakfast is continuing and all cooking classes will continue as well as programs on nutrition and a Focus through Hypnosis class! With so much happening, we are so happy to have the SHCB to use for many activities! We are looking for instructors for ballroom dancing and Early American History.

--Our Fourth of July party at the SHCB was wonderful! The Silent Chef cooked a fabulous lunch, the day was gorgeous and the venue tops.

Outreach

-- Home visits 2, Office visits 32, meetings attended 2, telephone calls 55, referrals made 27, duplicated numbers 96 and unduplicated 49. Outreach Workers hosted the Caregiver Support Group at the SHCB. The group is hoping to grow with the additional space there and we are able to accommodate the caregivers loved ones with the help of our volunteers.

Transportation

--Daily (Scituate) van rides 492, LINK 82, Volunteer 18, Total Rides, 592. Our Volunteers donated 39.5 hours driving seniors to their medical appointments. Our vans drove a total of 1265 miles.

--We are watching our LINK budget closely. Because of the number of regular riders, i.e. chemo and dialysis patients, we are left little funds for other folks. This follows a \$2K budget cut. Though we ask for donations, few are forthcoming. We need to craft a plan of creating revenue from our riders that we may serve many rather than a select few. The Chairwoman and MS Balog have volunteered for this task. The sooner a resolution is reached the better for all.

#### 5. Old Business

A. GATRA UPDATE--There was a meeting in Hanover with GATRA on August 15 regarding billing, record-keeping, etc. The Director said there will be little change at the start, running our usual vans and transporting seniors and disabled. We will be billing GATRA for all of our expenses. Mrs. Reidy stated that there will be an informational GATRA program at the SHCB on August 21 from 10:30 AM until 12 Noon. Since GATRA is State and Federal funding, the eventual goal is to connect to other towns and create a network of transportation through the South Shore.

#### 7. Reports (Out of Order)

A. SSES update with Joan Powers—Mrs. Powers unable to attend the last SSES meeting. However, did learn that SSES is using a new vendor for Meals on Wheels. The new company is Lindley Food Service.

#### Old Business

B. Recap Field Trip of SCOA Board to Center Locations—The Board looked at four possible locations for a new Senior Center. Two were land on which to build and two were existing structures. The first vacant property is on the Driftway and owned by the Housing Authority. The Board liked this property very much. Great location and perhaps a possibility of building with the Affordable Housing Trust after a land swap with the HA. The second piece of land is on Branch St. near the library and that too is well liked. It is a great location, in the middle of town and very accessible. At this time the library has an option on this property But if they do not exercise their option, we would love it. The SHCB was also inspected by the Board but it has half of the room that we need. We need 7,000 sq. ft. and that building has but 3800. The Gates school seems a better option with much more room and a great location. However, the cost of the building rehab and the time factor could be a big negative. Also, MS Stillman thinks that the Gates building is unacceptable. The Director summed it up by saying that we know what we need but are in limbo until we all know whether the Town will go forward with its Master Plan. Mr. Mitchell stated that the short term issue is to get good space wherever we can. With money, anything's possible, but this could take a minimum of five years. The long term issue is that we do not know if the HA is building, if so where. We don't even know yet if this is feasible. Mr. Mitchell reiterated that we get together with the HA and attend their next meeting when they will hopefully discuss the land swap involving the Driftway property. MS Davis will call MS Butler and set that up.

---There will be a presentation in September by the Board of Selectmen concerning the SHCB. Though the COA Board is open to any options, they prefer the two which involve building on vacant property.

#### 6. New Business--None

#### 8. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Quincie-Ann Cutler

ADDENDUM TO SCOA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES OF  
AUGUST-8-2012

Agenda and minutes of the July 2012 Board Meeting are available at the Town Clerks office.

Staff and Director Reports are available at the SCOA, 27 Brook St.