

Scituate Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting on
April 14, 2016 @5:30 pm
At the Scituate Senior Center

Present were Gordon Price, Dale Balog, John Miller, Pat Conway, Selectman Liaison-Mary O'Toole, COA Director-Linda Hayes, Jill Johnston-staff member, South Shore Elder Services Liaison-Joan Powers and Commission on Disabilities Liaison-Elaine S

Absent: Janice Lindblom, Audrey Reidy, Lucille Sorrentino

Gordon Price, Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:35.

Marty O'Toole requested that the report on the Adaptive Building Re-use Committee report be first on the agenda as he had to leave early.

Gordon Price gave the report.

The Adaptive Building Re-use Committee is now considering about 6 or 7 options, having eliminated several from consideration. They hope to complete their task by June and be ready to present 3 or 4 options to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. Some of the options include selling the Gates property and some favor renovations and some would demolish parts of the buildings and renovate others. Only one option leans toward including a new senior center as part of the Gates property. Most recommend a standalone building either on the property or elsewhere in Scituate. 15,000 sq ft. seems to be the recommended size. Durkee Brown is going to come back to the committee with cost estimates.

Introductions were made and minutes from the February and March meetings were approved.

Linda Hayes gave her Director's Report. She thanked board members Janice Lindblom and Audrey Reidy for their help with the "Age of Love" program which was a huge success. Almost 130 people attended. She said, however, that she is somewhat disappointed in the attendance at some other programs and would welcome input on "what seniors want."

Other highlight of her report was the increase in transportation requests and that the new van bought with it quite a bit more paper work and driver requirements. A new part-time driver has been added to the staff.

She has been meeting with FOSS members to establish a united relationship to avoid duplications and confusion of roles.

Health Fair will be at St. Luke's on May 5.

LIASON REPORTS

Commission on Disabilities

Elaine reported that she has requested that a disabled assessable van be provided for school field trips. A disabled student was not able to go on a Scituate school field trip because an accessible van was not available.

The Commission on Disabilities has been working to upgrade guidelines to comply with state ADA requirements.

She requested that the disabled have access to the COA computers. Linda informed her that all COA activities were available to disabled clients.

South Shore Elder Services

Did not report.

Friends of Scituate Seniors

Bette reported that Foss was having a fundraiser at GAR Hall on Saturday, April 16. Bob Chessia is talking about the history of Lawson Tower. Tickets \$10. Foss is helping to promote the Health Fair on May 5 and is busy working on the Golf Tournament which will be held on June 17 at Widow's Walk.

Dale Balog asked Linda Hayes about the status of the Friendly Visitor program. Linda referred her to Social Worker and Volunteer Coordinator for more information if she has not heard from them as it has been delegated. Otherwise, will get information and offer it at next meeting or before if want to discuss.

Gordon Price mentioned that there would be an Open House to educate people about the various municipal boards and committees in town and the need for volunteers to serve.

Because of the Town Meeting that was starting at 7 o'clock tonight, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Conway