

CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Council of Aging
Minutes of the Meeting
June 6th, 2017
Rose Baker Senior Center
6 Manuel F. Lewis Street, Gloucester, MA 01930

Board members present: Chairperson: Jay Gustafarro; Vice- Chairperson: Fred Cowan; Selma Bell; Karin Carroll; Roseann Cody, Val Gilman; Susan Goodall; Barry McKay; Rosalie Nicaastro; and Bob Quinn. Senior Center Director: Lucy Sheehan. Absent: Hank Camille, and Mike Hale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Council of Aging minutes of the meeting of May 2nd, 2017. **Seconded** by Ms. Bell.

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

SERIES IN NEWSLETTER – *Ms. Sheehan* reported about the new series in the newsletter that the Friends of the Council of Aging is featuring called “Senior Profiles: The Past is a Present”. Friends member, Carla Grillo is interviewing seniors and also writing the lifetime stories to be published. The concept is to feature a senior each month, allowing the senior to tell their story and be able to see it in print to enjoy. Carla is working with GDT about publishing the series of stories..

BUTTON CELL BATTERIES– *Ms. Sheehan* stated that the Friends have began a new fundraiser collecting mercury button cell batteries. The collection of the batteries will also help keep them from being thrown in the rubbish and save the environment. She stated that when they reach 100 pounds of batteries they can earn up to \$1000/ year. There is a collection box at the Senior Center. Boxes are also being placed in several locations in the city.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presented by Lucy Sheehan

RESTROOMS- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that there has been a delay in completing the two restrooms on the first floor. She stated that the counters and the floors have been installed. She stated that the stalls came without doors but they have been reordered, and should arrive soon.. *Ms. Sheehan* stated that the restrooms will also be repainted, and are seeking estimates.

BUDGET- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that she went before the Budget and Finance Committee to support the COA FY18 budget; and the meeting went well, all items were approved..

EMERGENCY ISSUE- *Ms. Gilman* stated that she has not met with the Mayor on the emergency issue. She stated that she did pick up some information at the Lanesville Community Center regarding isolation of seniors and affordable housing for elders.

BANK GLOUCESTER – Ms. Sheehan stated that there will be a presentation by Bank Gloucester for the Community Banking Award, at the Beauport Hotel this evening at 5:00 o'clock.. She stated that the Senior Center has been notified to attend to receive one of the awards.

CPR TRAINING – Ms. Sheehan stated that 10 people attended the CPR training at the Senior Center yesterday, including COA staff members. Training included CPR, DeFib and Narcan. Certificates will be awarded.

MEDIA SUMMIT – Ms. Sheehan stated that she attended a local media summit at Cape Ann Cable. She stated that Cable TV seeks to raise public awareness, showcase talents and events in our community and to provide the tools and education to increase programming for an expanded public awareness. Several agencies provided input and further meetings will be held.

CATA CONTRACT – Ms. Sheehan stated that she sent board members the CATA contract for review. She stated that there are very few changes to the contract made by City Lawyer. Ms. Sheehan requested Board support in finalizing the contract with CATA and the City. Board Member Barry McKay volunteered to meet with CATA.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

GRANT MONEY– Ms. Goodall stated that she did look into a couple of grants on behalf of the board. She stated that they board needs to decide exactly what grants they want to apply for.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAININGS – Ms. Bell asked about future defibrillator trainings. Ms. Sheehan stated that she has received a request for training from a group outside the senior center, and has inquired about future trainings at the Senior Center. Mr. Cowan stated that she might want to look into Narcan trainings as well.

SOCIAL WORKER AT LANESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER – Ms. Gilman asked if it would be alright if she reached out to an outreach licensed social worker and ask them to come to the Lanesville Community Center to do a session with the seniors. Ms. Sheehan responded that if our Social Workers are willing, that would be fine.

CONFERENCE ROOM – Ms. Bell stated that the SDC room at the Senior Center needs more storage.

LESLIE DAVIDSON– Ms. Cody stated that Leslie Davidson has received a grant from the Cultural Arts and she will create a mosaics at the Americold Building. She stated that she would love for her to come to the Senior Center and work with the seniors on mosaics.

LEASED VEHICLE – The board discussed the CATA leased vehicle that will support the Senior Center. The board discussed concerns about maintenance and who is eligible to use the vehicle.

MAYOR'S PICNIC – Chairperson Gustafarro stated that he spoke to Joe Lucido regarding the transport of tables for the Mayor's picnic. The board discussed the transport of tables.

ANNISQUAM PLAY– Ms. Gilman stated that they will be inviting seniors to the Annisquam play dress rehearsal, Singing in the Rain, again this year. She stated that the date will be August 7th, 2017.

GENERATOR – *Mr. Cowan* stated that he is seeking financing for the senior center generator costing \$45,000.

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to adjourn.
Seconded by Ms. Gilman. **CARRIED.**
Meeting Adjourned – 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by

Jay Gustaferro, Chairperson