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Patricia Gold, *Chairperson*

Minutes of C.O.A. Board Meeting – May 11, 2011

Members present: Pat Gold, Dottie Fleming, Mary Keenan, Hagop Sarkissian, Will Twombly, and Mike Donham.

Member Excused Absence: Jane Stadolnik.

Staff members present: Caryl Fox, Debbie Dunn, and Kathleen Wolf.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson Pat Gold.

1. The April minutes were reviewed by members of the Board. Mike Donham made a motion to approve and Mary Keenan seconded. Passed.

2. Financial Statements:

The financial statements for last month were reviewed. The money available in the line items should be adequate to meet the department's needs through the end of the fiscal year.

3. Yard Sale Update:

Caryl Fox reported that the yard sale was very successful with a total of \$1,724.00 being raised for the Revolving Fund. Staff and volunteers worked very hard setting up, running the event, and cleaning up. Many seniors participated, including those who donated goods and came to purchase items. Thanks to Board members who helped us with the event.

4. New Flooring at Senior Center:

The FY '11 Capital Improvement money will be spent on laminate flooring to replace the worn linoleum in the multi-purpose room, kitchen, and hallway. This improvement will give a more modern look to the building interior.

5. FY '12 Budget:

The FY '12 Budget for the COA was the level funded scenario recommended by the Town Manager. Caryl Fox will speak at the Town Council budget hearing on May 21, 2011 and the entire Town budget will be visited at a meeting on June 14, 2011. The Town Manager also increased our part-time salaries line item because there is a strong indication that the state EOEI Formula Grant will be reduced by twelve to fifteen percent. This grant funds part of four part-time salaries.

6. Springwell Update:

Gerry Singsen, a member of the Springwell Board from Watertown, spoke with Board members about Springwell's services, programs, and goals. Mr. Singsen's perspective as an attorney and his knowledge of legal issues has made him a valued Board member. He asked staff and Board members for feedback concerning Springwell. The group agreed that the organization is well-run, forward-thinking, and cares about its clients. Gerry Singsen was invited to attend again to update Board members.

7. Social Service Needs in Watertown:

Pat Gold and Caryl Fox reported on a meeting on April 12, 2011 that they attended called by Town Councilor, Tony Palumbo, that asked for input from departments and agencies on social service needs in Watertown.

8. Memorial Service:

The memorial service for former Board member, Betty Finnell, will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 3:00 pm at the Eliot Church in Newton.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox