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Council on Aging
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Patricia Gold, Chairperson

Minutes of COA Board Meeting – February 8, 2012

Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, Hagop Sarkissian, Mike Donham and V.V. Martin.

Member excused absence: Dottie Fleming and Will Twombly.

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

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

1. Minutes of Last Board Meeting:

Board members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Mary Keenan made a motion to approve and V.V. Martin seconded. Passed.

2. Financial Statements:

Caryl Fox discussed the January financial statements. She noted that the Senior Center Revolving Fund has received donations in memory of two seniors and the Food Pantry Revolving Fund has also received donations this month in memory of two long-time volunteers.

3. AARP Income Tax Program:

The AARP tax volunteers begin on February 13, 2012 and will be at the Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons by appointment. Approximately one-quarter of the slots are already filled. The volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS and several have been volunteering for years. It is a free program with a nominal donation going to help with the cost of office supplies and then donations are given to the Friends of the COA.

4. FY '13 Proposed COA Budget:

All departments submitted proposed level service and a two and a half percent reduction budget scenario. The utility line items were changed to both reflect our costs of last year and new negotiated prices by the Town. We also slightly increased our supply line item amounts. It's not likely that departments will have a reduction budget this year.

5. Program Fees and Donations Update:

Board members reviewed the current listing of program fees and donations. This form is submitted as part of the budget package. We try to keep senior contributions as low as possible because we understand that people are on fixed incomes and the economy is difficult.

6. Proposed New Assisted Living Site:

A ninety unit assisted living facility has been proposed by a development group for Watertown Square. It would be five stories high and would include studio and one bedroom apartments. A unit for

people with Alzheimer's would be part of the new building. Affordable units would not have to be offered as part of the proposal because regulations are different for assisted living facilities.

7. Board members discussed the proposed Walmart for Watertown.

8. Pat Gold noted that the Town Council did not pass an ordinance for residential snow shoveling. The community will try to recruit volunteers.

9. Will Twombly requested that an announcement be made about a free film showing this Friday at 7:00 pm at First Parish Church about a transgendered woman who tried to be a Presbyterian minister. She will be present at the event.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox