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Patricia Gold, Chairperson

Minutes of COA Board Meeting- September 18, 2013

Members present: Pat Gold, Will Twombly, Mike Donham, Dottie Brown, and Carol Airasian.

Members excused absence: Mary Keenan and V.V. Martin.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by Chairperson, Pat Gold.

1. The minutes of the [July meeting](#) were read by Board members. Mike Donham made a motion to approve the minutes and Dottie Brown seconded. Passed.

2. [Financial Statements](#):

The electricity line item was spent down during the summer months as the hot weather necessitated using the air-conditioning frequently for the Senior Center and for activities in the gym. The rugs in the Center got a well needed cleaning with funds from building maintenance. The Marshall Home Taxi Fund was used quite a bit during the summer. We will monitor the grant closely. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of stopping at Russo's for grocery shopping.

3. Deck Update:

Purchasing Agent, Raeleen Parsons, has taken charge of the deck project. She got drawings of the deck from the building inspector and sent out the necessary information for the public quote process. Funding for this project is still available through the Town.

4. Fall Programs:

There is a variety of programs that have been set-up for the coming months by Kathleen Wolf. Lectures include estate planning, a talk by State Representative Jon Hecht, a play performance, a book discussion group with the library and a multi-media tour of the Charles River by local photographer Carole Smith Birney. There is a grant-funded six week writing class and an upcoming six week course on diabetes offered through Springwell. The October trip includes sight-seeing of the Quabbin Reservoir and the Harvest Party will be on October 25, 2013. Groups returning from summer break include the art class, the Mellowtones, book club and tai chi.

5. "Watertown Together" Update:

On August 20, 2013, Caryl Fox and Kathleen Wolf met with three members of the group, Watertown Together. Originally known as the "Watertown Village", this group is now interested in forming a private / public partnership with the COA. There was a brief discussion. This group will be presenting at the January 2014 COA Board meeting.

6. Faire in the Square 2013:

The COA / Senior Center will have a table at the Faire which is on Saturday, September 28, 2013 from ten to four. We will have information about our services and programs as well as the Food Pantry and literature on other organizations and agencies serving Watertown seniors. Volunteers from the Board are welcome to help at our table. Caryl Fox will be setting up a schedule.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox