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Minutes of COA Board Meeting - April 9, 2014

Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, Mike Donham, V.V. Martin, Carol Airasian, Dorothy Brown, Alice Wadden, and Burt Greenberg.

Members excused absence:

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson Pat Gold, who announced that Will Twombly had submitted his resignation from the COA Board after more than nine years of dedicated service to the COA and the seniors of Watertown.

1. Board members read the minutes of the March meeting. V.V. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Donham seconded. Passed.

2. [Financial Statements](#):

Funds will be transferred from two COA line items into the medical transportation and emergency assistance line items to make sure that they don't run out before the end of the fiscal year. The contribution by the Friends of the COA to the Marshall Home Taxi Grant has made an important difference in keeping this service available to seniors.

3. AARP Income Tax Program Update:

The AARP volunteers have served eighty-three people so far with tax assistance help. The focus of the program is on simple returns for seniors of low and moderate income. The service is very much appreciated by those who need it.

4. Senior Center Repairs and Renovations Update:

Work on the new deck should begin soon. The Senior Center has had new thermostats installed and the energy contractors seem to have a better understanding that the Center is cold in winter because the baseboard heat doesn't work. We are hoping to get new curtains and blinds this year through the EOEA Formula Grant funds and the capital improvement line item.

5. 2014 Senior Center Yard Sale:

The annual fund-raising sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Seniors take part in donating, setting-up, and selling items at the tables. Many seniors and other members of

the community enjoy coming to the Senior Center on the day of the sale. The event allows us to raise money and also is an opportunity for people to see the Center and to become better acquainted with our programs.

6. Friends of the COA Update:

Board members offered ideas and suggestions for the Friends of the COA, on planning, organizations management, as well as financial strategy. Mary Keenan, president of the Friends, announced that a meeting of the Friends will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 2:00 PM.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox