

Barnstable Council on Aging
825 Falmouth Rd
Hyannis, MA 02601

Monthly meeting – September 16, 2015
@ 9:00 AM

Present: Taylor Cobb, Josephine Melpignano, Katherine Evans, Gary Sylvester, Eleanor Letterie, John Alden, Angelo Tromba, Anna Valtsakis, John Alden, Paul Curley, Madeline Noonan, Donna Marie Burns

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM and a quorum was met. The minutes from the August meeting were approved as written.

Director's Report:

- Needs Assessment, the draft has been received and with some minor changes the final report should be arriving soon. Professor Jan Mutchler will be presenting the findings at the Town Council meeting on October 15th. Board members are asked to attend this meeting to show your support. There will be a community forum here at the senior center on October 23rd from 9:00 to 10:30AM. All board members are urged to attend.
- Announcement has been made by Tom Lynch (Town Manager) that he will be leaving at the end of his term on June 30, 2016.
- Dr. Kathy Schatzberg will be an outside consultant for the needs assessment strategic planning. The board voted and approved of this. The FBCOA, if it passes with them, will be funding this project.
- Parking lot work has started, clearing has been completed. Clay Schofield stopped by and updated the board on the progress. The project should be completed this fall with the exception of the lighting that will be done in the spring. He also informed the board that a traffic study is being done and possible putting in traffic lights at the entrance of Route 28.
- Research is being done about replacing the dying shrubs around the new solar system. It is in the hands of the energy coordinator and legal department at this point.
- ASD is beginning to pick up. With current staffing there is a maximum of 12 clients that can attend each day. One staff member has given leave notice and will need to be replaced.
- Compass was cut back from 32 pages to 16 pages. Lots of information was eliminated and many errors were in there. Discussion on what will happen going forward was discussed. There is a possibility that the Barnstable Patriot may no longer be able to print and other options were discussed.

FBCOA

- Masquerade Ball is scheduled for October 24th. The committee for the board is having weekly meetings to make sure all goes off well.

New Business:

- Donna updated the board about the LGBT and what the senior center plans on doing to help make this a priority going forward in welcoming these participants to feel welcome and have programs to bring them in.
- There will be an aging project presentation for the LGBT on September 28th.
- Club contracts have been discussed with the group leader and all the contracts have been signed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM

Next meeting to take place on October 21, 2015 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Enos,
Principal Division Assistant