

The Council on Aging meeting held on October 13, 2011 was called to order at 3:05 pm.

Those in attendance were Tom Burke, Joan De Costa, Yolanda Lague, Judy Leroni, Natalie Lima, Tim O'Connell, Ruth Schneider, Guy Wheeler and Kay Huel, President of the Friends of Norton Senior Center group. Betty Fogarty was absent.

Joan and Yolanda attended a Bristol County Elder meeting this morning and discussed some of the topics such as fuel assistance, meal on wheel program. Both the Directors from Littleton and North Littleton told Joan they would gladly help us. At the Town of Seekonk, Taunton, Littleton, Westport and Rehoboth were represented at this meeting.

Old Business: The mentally challenged group's meeting was again discussed. Joan said Jim Dinnel told her they are Norton residents.

Someone from COA will see the man in charge of this group soon to discuss the problem. Ruth read the Secretary Report as she had taken the minutes. Tom's name was wrong. Otherwise the report was along. Guy made a motion to accept the report and it was so voted.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Joan went over the list for the chicken trip. We have about 32 going with a few who have not yet paid.

New Business: The Foxwoods Cabaret Trip has been scrapped as not enough going. It will now be just a trip to Foxwoods. Betty will be returning the checks she already has. New price will be

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\$20 and the Trip will be on the same day.
The Christmas party will be held on Dec. 12th
at noon at Mr. Mahan's. Cost is \$10 with a \$5
swap gift. The food will be fish, chicken &
pasta. This will be a sit down meal in the
restaurant, not a buffet and is limited
to 50 people.

They brought up the subject of heat which will
have to be programmed.

They said dumpster is filled again. It costs \$35
to be emptied and was last done Sept 7th.
A discussion followed about others using it
and having it locked.

There will be a "Friends" meeting on Oct. 24th at
11:30 am and will be followed with Alby
Tom & Liza discussing Trusts and Will.

On the 4th Monday in November they will be
having a person speak about laughter.

The COA's next meeting will be on Nov. 10th.

Joan said we sent out the calendar this time with
3 months in it which cost \$500 to mail and
2315 copies were mailed. We will be mailing
2 months in the future which should cost
only \$300. Tom questioned feedback from the
mailings and Joan said we would ask if they
want to continue receiving the mailings in the
next letter.

They said people were coming in asking about the
computer classes. We can only accommodate
5 people at a time. The November classes
are full. This is going to be a real basic class.
A nurse Ruth said a nurse practitioner called

saying that CVS will be opening a new clinic and she will come in next week with some information about it. A discussion followed. Ruth said a woman came in to volunteer but she is blind. She has been blind for 26 years.

Ruth told her we were having a meeting and would discuss this. A discussion followed and it was thought that she should just come to visit but not volunteer.

Joan brought up about the senior work program to come here on Tues & Thurs to answer the phones. Sandy does not come anymore so it has just been Herb. However it seems that he doesn't come now either and we are now taking messages for him. The times he does come he does not stay long. He manages the grant money to get the people to do the different jobs. We will check with the Town Manager about this problem.

Turn River does not seem to be a good deal so we should stay with Fortwoods. The pro's & con's were discussed. These trips will be every other month.

Joan said that Kay is going to ask her members if there would be a volunteer for the Vice Pres. position. Joan talked with the Town Manager asking him to check with the Town Council and also sent an e-mail to Emmett at the Mass. Council for Elders in reference to the Norton Seniors name that Carl Salvage is using. They can use that but cannot say Senior Center or Council on Aging, etc. Yolanda talked to

someone about clearing up the cable station. We
can introduce ourselves as The Carmichael Group
and the Friends can introduce themselves as
the new Friends of the Norton Senior Center.
It needs to be clear in the newspaper where the
information for all these groups are placed and
that they need to be aware of the changes.
Kaye is going to the Sun Chronicle to talk to them
to clear this up.

The Halloween party and possible parade was brought
up. Our float would be after the Grand March,
in the beginning of the parade but after discussion
it was voted not to participate in the parade.
There were only 17 people signed up for the
Halloween party.

There being no further business they made a
motion to adjourn at 4:15 pm. Natalie
seconded it.

Respectfully submitted
Judith M. Leroy
Recording Secretary