

Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting
March 24, 2014

Attending: Voting Members: Sandra Budson, Linda Cohen, Mary Dummer, Diane Lapon, Miguel Lessing, Sr. Alice McCourt, Bill Murphy, Sheila Nugent, John Schuler, Dianne Sullivan and Joellen Toussaint. Associate Members: Mary Bowers, Jack Cross, Judy Keefe, Joanne Kilsdonk, Penny Lawrence, and Director of Senior Services Gayle Thieme.

Absent: Stanley Hodges, Susan Kagan-Lange, Shirley Quinn, Eleanor Sullivan Richard TenEyck and Harriet Warshaw.

John Schuler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Citizen Speak: Gig Babson, member of the Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee (FBPCC) encouraged the Board to endorse the FBPCC project coming up for a vote at Annual Town Meeting. A Q and A followed.

Bill Murphy motioned and Joellen Toussaint seconded a motion to approve – with a minor change - the Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Board Meeting, which were unanimously approved.

Staff reports brought up a question on whether the State requires CORI checks on volunteers that don't interact with clients, including the Board. John Schuler requested members to read the reports and bring up questions ahead of the meeting for prompt answers.

Director Gayle Thieme explained a) the M&L liability insurance has been extended from its February 2014 expiration; b) the EOEIA formula grant for FY 14 was increased from the budgeted \$37,500 to \$43,432, leaving a surplus to be used for other approved EOEIA purposes; c) the Wellesley Community Center manager quoted a \$12,000 annual rent for the use of the McKenzie room which Gayle has thought as a possible site for COA bus dispatch and drivers' base, a price considered very excessive. The matter is in Hans Larsen's hands and other options are being looked at; and d) COA will be part of the new optical telephone switch system installed also at the WFD, DPW and MLP departments at no installation cost to COA.

The Policies & Procedures Committee chaired by Mary Dummer presented a draft procedure to regulate Private Home Health Agency Inquiries due to their growing numbers and use of staff time. With a motion from Joellen Toussaint and a second from Linda Cohen it was approved unanimously to accept it while further considerations are explored.

Dianne Sullivan updated the timeline on the program to change the COA bus operation, which is subject to Town Meeting approval as part of COA's budget.

A sign-up sheet was circulated to enlist volunteers for the May 3 Jukebox event. Miguel Lessing distributed a Committee Membership list and requested all to review it and indicate corrections and additions, alerting all that he would make a follow up. John Schuler described the latest on the Tolles-Parsons project, specifically the opportunity for the Town to purchase the abutting lot at 494 Washington St. which will come up at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Board voted to support the Fuller Brook Park project with all in favor and one abstention, after a motion by Miguel Lessing and a second from Bill Murphy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on April 28 at the Wellesley Community Center.

Presented by

Miguel Lessing, Secretary