

Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting May 19, 2014

Attending: Voting Members: Sandra Budson, Mary Dummer, Diane Lapon, Susan Kagan-Lange, Miguel Lessing, Sr. Alice McCourt, Bill Murphy, Sheila Nugent, Dianne Sullivan and Joellen Toussaint. Associate Members: Mary Bowers, Linda Cohen, Jack Cross, Joanne Kilsdonk, Penny Lawrence, Shirley Quinn.

Absent: Stanley Hodges, Judy Keefe, John Schuler, Eleanor Sullivan, Richard TenEyck, Gayle Thieme and Harriet Warshaw.

Sandy Budson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Garden Room of the Wellesley Community Center.

There was no party to address the board for the Citizen Speak section.

The minutes of the April 28, 2014 Board meeting were approved unanimously after a motion offered by Bill Murphy and seconded by Sheila Nugent.

A motion from Miguel Lessing with a second from Mary Dummer to approve the MWRTA and COA bus contract was unanimously voted in favor. Two other votes were taken with unanimous favorable approval: Sheila Nugent motion seconded by Bill Murphy to accept the COA Transportation Policy, and Susan Kagan-Lange's motion and second by Sheila Nugent to approve the COA Drivers Handbook Guidelines. Bill Murphy motioned to terminate the M&L contract with Gayle Thieme having flexibility on setting the date. Joellen Toussaint seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Other Transportation discussion addressed the pending staff hiring, completion of certification and training, office space and the text on the bus sides (some proposals were "Wellesley COA – Seniors in Action", "Wellesley COA – Seniors on the Move" and the inclusion of the contact telephone number).

The Board unanimously adopted a motion offered by Miguel Lessing and seconded by Diane Lapon to convey emeritus status to Stanley Hodges and Eleanor Sullivan for their many years of service and outstanding contributions to the Board of the Wellesley Council on Aging and further invite them to the June meeting where they will be honored when this status is conferred upon them. The Emeritus status allows attendance to board meetings, engaging in all discussions but does not give voting privileges.

A recommendation to have a plaque honoring the Emeriti members of the board was agreed to. After hearing legal counsel recommendations, it was decided to drop the proposal of establishing board term limits. The creation of an Advisory board was also placed on hold. The Vice Chair encouraged experienced current and past board members to become mentors to new board members.

Mary Bowers from the Membership/Nominating Committee offered the names of officers' candidates, Board members including new Associate Board members for the fiscal year 2014-2015. These will come up for a vote at the June Board meeting. They are: President: John Schuler, Vice President: Sandra Budson, Treasurer: Miguel Lessing, Secretary Shirley Quinn. Other voting Board members: Mary Dummer, Susan Kagan-Lange, Diane Lapon, Sr. Alice McCourt, Bill Murphy, Sheila Nugent and

Joellen Toussaint. Associate members: Joanne Kilsdonk and Dianne Sullivan (to become voting members as soon as the bylaw change from eleven to thirteen voting members is accepted by Town Meeting) and Jean Boyle, Mary Bowers, Diane Campbell, Linda Cohen, Jack Cross, Lisa Heyison, Judy Keefe, Jerry Kelley and Penny Lawrence.

Susan Kagan-Lange, Chair of the Long Range Strategic Committee described the work done to-date, the guests invited for discussions which include an extensive list of COA and other Town staff, other Town Committees and Town Board members as well as another town COA director and a listing of areas under review and that will form part of the final report. The report is expected for this coming fall.

Finally, comments were made on the highly successful Jukebox Saturday Night of May 3rd. which exceeded expectations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on June 16 at the Wellesley Community Center.

Presented by

Miguel Lessing, Secretary