**COUNCIL OF ELDER AFFAIRS MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Time Convened: 9:44 a.m.

Venue: Historical Room, Hanson Public Library

Those in Attendance: Jane Baker, Mary Collins, Susan Gagnon, Stephanie McSweeney, Linda Philbrook, Elizabeth Stevens and guest David King Excused Absence: George Copeland Unexcused Absence: Mike Saya

● Meeting called to order at 9:44 a.m. by Chairperson, Jane Baker

● January meeting notes were read and accepted.

● Report of Director and Discussion’

○ Mary reported on January activities: ■ The Pancake Breakfast was very well attended. ■ Mary would like to see more men attending the Crackerbarrel Men’s Club Breakfast. ■ Karaoke Kapers is up and running. ○ Mary reported on February activities: ■ On February 13 at 11:00 a.m. the Swingin’ Singers will be presenting their variety show. Mary is planning a tribute to the chorus members. ■ On February 16 at 1:00 p.m. the Center will hold its Valentine’s Day Party with DJ Rick Ferreira. The Line Dancers will be invited. ■ On February 21 at 1:00 p.m. there will be Karaoke Kapers with Lorraine. ■ On February 28 beginning at 4:30 p.m. will be the Mardi Gras Potluck Supper complete with costumes, masks and beads.

○ Building Update: ■ Mary has had conversations with the Town Administrator. The siding project is still moving along. She believes that bids have gone out. ■ In the parking lot, cones are in place where the ramp comes down to the pavement to prevent anyone inadvertently parking so that the ramp is inaccessible. The custodian has weighted down the cones and installed a placard on the ramp railing. The parking lot can not be relined until spring.

○ Ethics Test: ■ Ethics tests are in the council members’ packets. They are to be completed on-line and a certificate printed and given to Mary. Computers are available at the Center if a member needs to use one.

■ There was a discussion of the vital importance of confidentiality. Regular staff and volunteer training sessions are provided at the center regarding this.

● Report of Council Chair:

○ Jane and Mary will be working on the Town Report his month.

● Report of Council Representatives:

○ Norwell VNA-February is heart month. The Center is encouraging people to stop in and have their blood pressure taken by the VNA nurse. She will also test blood sugar.

○ OCES- Mary attended the board meeting last week where vital changes in the OCES were made. Diane Digeorgi’s position was changed from Chief Executive Officer to Chief Operating Officer, where she will be in charge of financial matters. Nicole Welch was voted in as CEO. Both are well qualified for the positions. ○ OCPC-Linda missed the meeting.

○ Salvation Army- It‘s been a quiet year so far with requests for assistance.

○ Friend’s Group-They are discussing a fundraiser event involving an antique car show in the afternoon evolving into an evening music program.

● Unfinished Business

○ David King said he would like to considered for the position of alternate member of the board. Mary discussed the procedure involved. The board requested that he be appointed by the Selectmen.

● New Business-In the process of obtaining a van back-up driver replacement

● Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gagnon Secretary