COUNCIL OF ELDER AFFAIRS MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time Convened: 9:37 a.m.

Venue: Historical Room/Hanson Public Library

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

● In the absence of Jane Baker, Chairperson, meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m by Linda Philbrook, Vice Chairperson

● March meeting minutes were accepted as read.

● Report of Director and Discussion ○ Mary reported on March activities:

■ Two more men attended the Men’s Breakfast on the 9th.

■ The St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon at Meadowbrook was a success.

■ The Welcome Spring Party was very well attended and was a great time.

■ A Pot Luck Supper was held on the 28th. ○ Mary reported on April activities:

■ Red Sox Opening Day BBQ was held on April 3. It was a nice way to get the grill up and running. Henry Monet provided a wonderful comedic skit on the rudiments of baseball. Thank you so much Henry.

■ The Swingin Singers will present their spring program on April 10.

■ Men’s Breakfast will be held on April 13.

■ Karaoke Kapers with Lorraine will be held on April 18.

■ April 17-21 Mary will be on vacation.

■ A Depression Seminar will be held on April 20 at 11:00 .am. The presenter is from the Norwell VNA, and will talk about the signs and symptoms of depression in the elderly and what to do.

■ The “Woman 2 Woman” group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and is going strong. There are currently fourteen members.

■ Pot Luck Supper will be held on April 25. ○ Building updates:

■ A couple of leaks in the new roof were found in the community room. Mike McCue, the Town Administrator, was notified, and he will coordinate.

■ There was an issue with the heat a couple of weeks ago and a clogged filter was replaced. ○ Ethics Test reminder:

■ The Ethics Test needs to be done in April.

● Report of Council Representative: ○ Norwell VNA and Hospice will be giving a presentation on the 20th. Monthly blood pressure clinic is taking place. ○ OCES: There has been some shifting in staffing. They are still active in protecting the clients they serve. ○ OCPC: Linda attended the last meeting. The majority of the meeting was on the budget and housing for the elderly. Mary has applied for a Title 3 grant through OCPC. OCPC oversees the subsidy for medical drivers. There is a lot of coordination between OCPC and the Center. ○ Salvation Army: Requests have been very quiet. The Calvary Baptist Church has been given permission to help. Younger people seem to be going through them. ○ Friend’s Group: They are currently planning a future function that will involve a day and evening program. It is still in the planning stage.

● Old Business: ○ In answer to the question that George raised at the last meeting on what are “charter commission members”, Mary clarified that a “charter commission member is a person appointed to a commission to which a chairman, vice chairman and secretary are needed.” Council members are charter commission members.

● New Business: ○ Linda brought up the newspaper article on the closing of the Maquan School in Sept. 2018, and wondered if the building or sections of it could be used as a Senior Center. Mary will look into this.

● Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gagnon Secretary