COUNCIL OF ELDER AFFAIRS MEETING

Date: Wednesday June 7, 2017

Time Convened: 9:36 a.m. Venue: Historical Room, Hanson Public Library

Those in attendance: Jane Baker, Mary Collins, George Copeland, Susan Gagnon, Stephanie McSweeney, Linda Philbrook, and Mike Saya

Excused Absence: David King and Elizabeth Stevens

● Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chair. Jane Baker

● May meeting minutes were accepted as read.

● Report of Director and Discussion:

○ Mary reported on May activities:

■ Cinco De Mayo party was very well attended

■ A BBQ was held on June 5 to thank the Chorus for providing us with such lively entertainment throughout the year.

○ Mary reported on the activities planned for June:

■ On June 8 there will be a Men’s Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and a Women’s Group Breakfast on June 29th at 10:00 a.m. followed by a presentation of the benefits of essential oils at 10:45 a.m.

■ On June 15 the annual Elder Law Workshop will be held at 10:00 a.m. Registration is required.

■ On June 19 is the Father’s Day Luncheon at noon.

■ On June 20 the Friend’s Group will hold a pancake breakfast at 10:00 a.m. followed by their annual meeting.

■ On June 28 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Henry and Annette Monet will be welcoming folks to their beautiful garden for a tour. A must event for those who love to garden.

■ On June 27 at 4:30 p.m. our monthly pot luck supper will be held. It is the last one for the summer, and will start up again in September.

○ Building Updates:

■ Still waiting for siding. It is still in the hands of Town Administrator, Mike McCue who is consulting with the Building Inspector, Robert Curran.

■ Our custodian, Mal Hession has done a fantastic job with the general upkeep of the building. He plans to paint the old shed, and has done a great job on the patio.

○ Grant Updates:

■ The Title 3 Grant, a two year grant for $3,500/year was submitted for preapproval in May. OCPC has approved the pre submission, and Mary will submit the full Grant. The Grant goes from Oct,1-Sept 30. The funds are used to help Supportive Day clients who need financial help.

■ Van Grant-- Our van has met the age criteria ( Year-2008 and mileage, 117,000 miles). Mary has emailed the grant to the Town Administrator who has signed off and sent it to the Mass DOT. It takes a year to be processed and delivered. Mary would like to broaden the use of the van when the grant is received. The driver is funded through the Supportive Day Program.

○ Videotaping monthly meeting in FY’18 - Mary passed out a memo from the Town Administrator requesting that effective July 1, 2017 Council meetings be videotaped. A lively discussion ensued.

● Council Chair had nothing to report.

● Report of Council Representatives to:

○ Norwell VNA-Mary stated that she should receive 2018 contract soon.

○ OCES-Mary is still on Board of Directors.

○ OCPC-Linda reported that Nicole Long from OCES spoke to the group, and Linda submitted a folder of services that OCES provides.

○ Salvation Army-Mary had nothing to report.

○ Friend’s Group-their annual meeting is June 20. They are planning a fall event

● Unfinished Business-George asked if past original-building concern were ever rectified. Mary reported the Mike McCue now has the building inspector involved in any renovations.

● New Business:

○ Mary will be attending the Mass Council on Aging meeting in Devens MA on June 9.

○ Jane Baker notified the Council that this was her last meeting as she is moving out of town on July 9. Mary praised her for her optimism and outstanding support. She will be sorely missed.

● Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Sincerely, Susan M. Gagnon Susan M. Gagnon Secretary