COUNCIL OF ELDER AFFAIRS MEETING

Date: March 7, 2018

Time Convened: 9:37 a.m.

Venue: Historical Room/ Hanson Public Library

Those in attendance: Linda Philbrook, Michael Saya, Elizabeth Stevens, David King and Mary Collins. Excused Absence: Stephanie McSweeney and George Copeland.

● Meeting called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chair Linda Philbrook.

Mary will take minutes in secretary’s absence.

February meeting minutes were read and accepted as written.

Report of Director and discussion:

○ Mary reflected on a couple of February events:

■ Coffee and conversation with Town Administrator Mike McCue and new Veteran’s Agent Tim White was very well attended.

■ The on-line safety program offered by the Better Business Bureau and the Office of Consumer Affairs was filled with helpful information.

○ Mary reported on the events coming up in March:

* The Men’s Club Breakfast will take place on March 8th @ 9:00 am.
* The Caregiver’s Support Group will be held on March 12th at 1:00pm.
* St. Patrick’s Luncheon will be held at Meadowbrook on March 13th at noon and is currently sold out.
* Coffee and Conversation with Mike McCue will take place on March 14th at 10:00 am.
* An Irish Tea will take place on March 15th at 1:00 pm.
* Spring In to Spring B.B.Q. be held on the first day of spring, March 20th at noon. Karaoke with Rick Ferreira will follow at 1:00 pm.
* Women 2 Women Breakfast will be held on March 22nd at 10:00 am.
* Pot Luck Supper will be held on March 28th at 4:30 pm.

Van Update:

* New van will be coming from MassDOT grant by the end of August. Training of van driver, back up drivers and Elder Affairs Director will take place prior to delivery of the van.

Dementia Friendly MA:

* Mary reported on a presentation she attended through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs at which the topic was how to create a Dementia Friendly Massachusetts.

The Chair had nothing to report.

Report of Council Representatives:

○ Norwell VNA and Hospice are on target.

○ OCES- Mary attended February meeting.

○ OCPC – Linda attended February’s meeting and reported the guest speaker was an elder lawyer who covered topics covering everything from financial abuse to wills.

○ Salvation Army – No report.

○ The Friend’s Group: Linda reported that the group discussed holding large fund raising events and welcomed a number of new members.

Unfinished Business: Mary reported that the new copy machine was delivered.

New Business: Mary reported that there were several leaks in the roof during the recent storm. She has followed up with the Town Administrator.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Mary Collins,

Director of Elder Affairs