**COUNCIL OF ELDER AFFAIRS MEETING**

**Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

**Time convened: 9:45 am**

**Venue: Historical Room/Hanson Public Library**

**Those in attendance: Linda Philbrook, George Copeland, Michael Saya, Elizabeth Stevens, Stephanie McSweeney and Mary Collins**

**Excused absences: Susan Gagnon and Dave King**

* Meeting called to order at 9:45 am by Chair Linda Philbrook.
* A motion to accept August meeting minutes as written was made, seconded and was accepted with one abstention.
* Mary will take minutes in Susan Gagnon’s absence.
* Report of Director and Discussion.

Mary reported several events coming up in September:

* + Caregivers’ Support Group will be held on Monday, Sept. 11 at 1:00 pm.
  + Coffee and conversation with Mike McCue will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 10:00am
  + Men’s Club breakfast will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14th at 9:00 am.
  + A program covering the “5 things you should talk about with your caregiver” will be held on Thursday, Sept 28th at 11:00 am.
  + The Friends group will hold a fundraising event on Saturday, Sept. 30th: 3:00-5:00 pm they will have an antique car show. During that time, hamburgers, hot dogs etc will be available for $5.00 per meal. The Laura and Wesley James Show will begin at 6:00 pm indoors. Mocktails and snacks will be served. Tickets for the evening event are $15.00 and are available at the Center prior to the show.

Building Updates:

* + - Mary is meeting with Mike, Building Inspector Bob Curran, Karen Stofller and a contractor this afternoon regarding moving forward with the replacement of the siding on the building.

Article for October Special Town Meeting:

* + - An article asking the town for funding to replace the aging defibulator located in the foyer between the library and senior center will appear on the Warrant of the October Special Town Meeting. Mary explained that it is very difficult to locate batteries for the current unit as it is so old..
* Report of Council Representative
  + 1. Norwell VNA and Hospice: monthly blood pressure clinic taking place.
    2. OCES: On summer hiatus.
    3. OCPC: Stephanie reported on August’s meeting which she attended. A presenter from AARP offered information on a new program titled “Life Reimagined”. Stephanie provided an overview of the program, offered Mary literature she obtained while there and suggested looking into this program for Hanson elders. Mary will gladly follow up.
    4. S.A: Mary reports that it has been a very quiet year for requests.
* Old Business: Linda will follow up with what is needed to begin a pickleball game at the center.
* New Business: Mary reported that people are signing up for a new walking group with the hopes that they will be able to begin in October.
* Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Collins