

PROVINCETOWN COUNCIL ON AGING-BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2006

PRESENT: Gerry Brennan, Chair, Val Carrano, Dir. Ilene Charles, Secy Florence Alexander, Greg Howe, Paul Mendes, **ABSENT:** Kay Vogt **FRIENDS:** absent

MEETING: called to order at 2:55

Correspondence: Gerry sent an E-mail to Dave Guertin to thank him for the outstanding job done with the landscaping and interior projects. Chair will ask if there is any other monies available for additional planting. The town's beautification committee will also be contacted for plant or shrub contributions that might be available. The Friends will be our last ask.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Dave Guertin and Sandy Turner asked Val to attend the next business meeting to address the sewer project and removal and reallocation of a tree on the property. Paul Mendes was in touch with EMT Services regarding the REACH program. She said the COA would receive the nec forms after a senior has requested an EMT call. Paul will follow up with Joyce Matthews at EMT headquarters. Greg How grateful for the news on the EMT reports but was concerned that the REACH program not stop there. A lively discussion e regarding how to best to find volunteers to help seniors to be picked up from hospital, senior errands, cooking a meal, fixing a problem, etc. Paul suggested we use some of our foreign workers as volunteers especially for van driving. Gerry sug; contacting out local churches. Greg will draft a letter for Val to sign.

Jean Hendrickson donated an afghan for the raffle at the bake sale.

Regarding SALT's wish to cooperate with the Barnstable's sheriff's program regarding the collection of old cell phones. V heard about the NCOA phone recycling program and doesn't know which program to use. The NOCA will donate 90% proceeds to the senior center and the 10% for their costs of refurbishing the phones. Boxes can be put out for donations whe information is available. Greg will follow up with the Sherrif's program and see if it is a parent organization for the local programs that individual programs have. We will discuss again next month.

Volunteer Coordination position between the COA and the town has not worked out from the coordination perspective ho Dianna Fabri will continue to work for the COA. It has yet to be determined as to whether another volunteer will be sought. V; speak to Doug, the Town Clerk.

Friends: Gerry spoke with Vern Wilson about the Friends of Patsy making another contribution to the COA. The last contril reported by Val was \$7,000.

A call for baked goods was asked by Florence Alexander. Florence announced that contributions are way down this year. I bring all baked goods to the Fire station on Commercial by 9:30 on the 29th.

SALT: Greg did not attend the last meeting however he is certain that the merger is still going at its conservative pace.

Old Business: Gerry and Greg will split the two-day School Committee Conference on May 16th and 17th. They will report b the Board. Val will be attending also.

Greg spoke with Richard Olsen re our quest for a Senior sewer discount. He hasn't finished investigating, but thinks this something we can accomplish because of state laws. Perhaps we could have someone from the Attorney General's office cc and speak about Senior options for creating cash i.e., reverse mortgages. Paul and Val will investigate Senior of the Year voting deadline is May 19th.

New Business:

2-month Calendar

- May 29 - Friend's Memorial Day Bake Sale by Florence
- June 1 - Volunteer Recognition Luncheon 1:00pm – All Board Members will attend
- 15 - Dan Lynch Story Telling
- 20 - New Medicare Laws discussion with
- ? - Old fashioned meatloaf dinner by Bob Henneberry
- 22 - Senior of the Year Luncheon

A suggestion was made by Greg Howe to put our own Vern Wilson in the running for the AARP Mass. Senior of the Year. unanimously by the Board. Greg will handle

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50. **The next meeting to be held on June 8th 2006 @ 3pm #10 at the Grace Gouveia Bldg.**

Respectfully submitted,
Ilene Charles, Secretary