

TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MINUTES
April 10, 2014

In attendance: Laura Arsenault, COA Coordinator, Tina Bhatia, John Fallon, FCOA
LauraineHarding, Frank Powers, Chairman, Frank Sibley, Liz West
Not Present: Helen Berry, Barbara Wheeler, Les Fox, BOS Liaison
Prepared by: Lauraine Harding
Meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Grange Room at 2:00 P.M. by Chairman Frank Powers,

Minutes:

- * Minutes from the last Board Meeting on March 13, 2014 were not available and were deferred to a future meeting.
- * Frank Powers outlined the course of the meeting which was the review the data collected on the Questionnaire, discuss results and decide what to act on.
- * Questionnaire (attached) responses were categorized in order of importance as major or minor in order to focus on current needs of the senior population. Major concerns to be addressed are # 4,5,6,7,8,10. Numbers 14,15,18 regarding transportation can be packaged together and show a clear need for senior van service.
- * Following further discussion at the next meeting, items will be put in the following order.
1) Aware of situation 2) Not issues to worry about 3) Issues to take action on.
- * Results of Questionnaire and responses will be put in a future "Boxborough Buzz".
- * Frank Powers will speak with the UCC Minister and discuss the possibility of the COA using the Community Center during hours not utilized by the church for special events.
- * Liz West suggested that the May COA meeting be a brainstorming session and that members come prepared with suggestions for future activities and trips
- * NEW: There is a Boston Medical Service Van available to seniors in Boxborough. Individuals are picked up at the Littleton Train Station at set times. The service is primarily for Veterans and usually stops in Bedford MA first and other hospitals in Boston.
- * The COA Board approved the usage of the 2012 newsletter article previously submitted to Town Meeting requesting funding for the usage of the Community Center for another year
- * The COA Board approved the co-sponsoring of the May luncheon by the COA member and the Visiting Angels. The COA Board will put the menu together and provide \$175.00 toward the May 12 luncheon. The Visiting Angels will also provide up to \$250.00 and 3 of their personnel to help with event. (Menu attached).
- * The COA Board will replenish supplies used from the FCOA supply closet, such as paper plates, napkins etc. for meal set up. COA to supply large trash bags.
- * FUTURE LUNCHEONS: Boxborough Police and Fire Depts. will sponsor September luncheon. Boxborough Minutemen will sponsor the November luncheon at the Community Center.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY MAY 15, 2:00 PM in the Grange Room of Town Hall.
Topic: "Brainstorming for future programming".