

**WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2010**

Board Members Attending: Susan Carp, Luci Lynch, Cil Moscatiello, and Merle Welsh

Associate Member: Nancy Spofford

COA Director: Trudy Reid

Guest: Thomas Tanous, SeniorCare

Meeting opened at 1:30 P.M.

As there was no quorum present, this was an informational meeting only, and no formal Board action could be taken.

Thomas Tanous was present from SeniorCare, to request the Board's approval of their service to our seniors, in order to facilitate their Certification with the State. He explained that 99% of their funding comes from the State, with the remaining 1% from areas served. In order to qualify at least 51% of their Board must be approved by the local COAs. If this is not achieved, then the area will be open to other groups. This requirement stresses the importance of COA Boards in the process. Due to the lack of a quorum, the vote will have to taken at the May Meeting.

Community House Volunteer Recognition Award - Last month the Board had suggested we nominate Mary Kelly to receive this award posthumously, however, in deference to her family, who are somewhat hesitant to have this done, the Board decided to nominate Roseann Brozenske , for her work with the COA movie program and TRIAD. Susan will follow up this with the Community House.

H-W COA Van - The new Van is officially on the Road. At a Joint Selectmen's Meeting, later this month, they will approve the designation of the old van as surplus property, which will allow it to be sold. Any money from the sale will be deposited in the H-W COA Van Gift Account. It is hoped to bring between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Art Work - At the present time there are no artists up to display their work. Through suggestions from the last artist , two people have been contacted. One said "not at this time", the other has not returned Trudy's call. The Director would really appreciate some help with this effort. The committee, originally started by Kit Richardson is not in operation at this time.

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Movies - This month's Movie will be Grand Turino, with Clint Eastwood. It is scheduled for Tuesday April 20th at 10 A.M.

Coffee Hour - There will be no Coffee hour in May, due to the Annual Town Meeting and Election.

Additional Business:

Susan Carp told the members present that she is working on a Paper for her Graduate study program, on the feasibility of combining the positions of COA Director to serve both Hamilton and Wenham. This would mean no change in the membership or operation of either Town's COA, but by sharing a Director, Susan is of the opinion a great deal could be achieved. At the present time, Hamilton has lost it's COA Coordinator, and Susan feels their seniors lack any sort of Outreach Services as a result. As part of her study project, she plans to speak with both Board's of Selectmen to learn their reaction to this idea. This NOT a formal proposal, only the basic premise for her paper. She wanted the Board to be aware of this, in case someone assumes otherwise.

New Members - Everyone is asked to be thinking of possible candidates for a position on the COA Board. Appointments are now being made by the Selectmen.

There being no New Business to consider today. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Next Meeting - May 11th at 1:30 P.M.

Lucille Lynch, Secretary

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