

**WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
MAY 12' 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Roseann Brozenake, Dick Eddy, Jean Eddy, Mary Kelly, Luci Lynch, Paul Mendonca, Cil Moscatiello and Merle Welsh

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Nancy Spofford

COA DIRECTOR: Trudy Reid

Meeting opened at 2:00 P.M. by the Director

Minutes of the Meeting of April 14th were approved as submitted

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TRIAD – Since May is Elder Americans month, TRIAD will offer a program on Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxy. This will be presented by Capt Jason Ebacher who is our TRIAD Rep and an Attorney. During this program, which will be held at the Hamilton-Wenham Library, on May 20th at 10:30 A.M., we will also make available File of Life Cards, etc.

Recycling at the Senior Center - Green buckets have been obtained from Town Hall and starting this week our recycling will be picked up on the regular schedule. We have a bucket for paper and light cardboard and one for plastic, bottles and cans. When we have the necessary bags, our “shredded material” will also be recycled.

Hamilton-Wenham Land Trust - Members of the Hamilton-Wenham Green have been trying to find some land in order to do “raised garden” beds. The Director has been invited to attend a meeting at the Boulders tomorrow morning, where some land may be available. Also attending will be, Hugh Collins, who currently leases the land, the Boulders Board and /or residents. She will report next month on the outcome.

History Program - Jack Hauck did another successful program this month on Pleasant Pond. About 35 people attended. The Director will contact Jack to see if he plans to do another in the near future. Board members suggest

Senior Care - **The Director** reported that Tom Tanous will become the President of the Senior Care Board next month. She looks forward to his support.

Art Committee - This Committee could use some additional members. Presently Doris Suminsby is doing this alone. Anyone interested should contact Trudy. Currently being shown are works by Madith Mantyla.

Van - There is nothing new on our Grant request. Since the mileage is now over 100,000 miles and the van is five years old, it is eligible to be transferred to our ownership which gives us greater flexibility to trade or sell. We remain hopeful we will hear soon.

Donation - The Director mentioned that a recently deceased resident of Enon Village had requested donations be made to the COA in her name. \$1,000.00 has been received. She plans to use this money for a special trip and/or lunch in the near future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Friends – Mary Kelly reported that the Friends Membership listing was printed in the May Newsletter. There are 180 members at present. The Annual Meeting will be held following the June 6th Coffee, to elect the new Board. She stated she may bring the quilt to this meeting to display the progress to date.

Kite Day - Dick Eddy feels there was better publicity for the 3rd Annual Kite Day, although the venue at Gordon was great, there is some problem with the amount of “air” needed for flight. At a post-event discussion, the Committee discussed possible alternative sights, and ideas. Such as building and flying at the same location. Once again there was a conflict with the Little League Parade, which they thought had been addressed. Also next year there will be no coffee and donuts served.

Handiman – Dick noted they were a bit behind on the energy saving program, with 5 more to be done. We still have money (in credit) at Dawson’s for this work. The Director suggested perhaps another Energy Saving Program might be conducted in the fall. Six Air Conditioners have been installed so far, and the Garden Club stand has been completed. He noted that this continues to be a great idea, although he originally thought there would be more “small jobs” such as lamp repair etc.

Movies – Roseann reported that 12 people attended the April 15th showing of Australia. This month’s film will be Slum Dog Millionaire. Being considered for future shows are The Bucket List and The Secret Life of Bees. The possible showing of some PBS DVDs was discussed. The license cost of \$175 is a concern.

Coffees - Cil Moscateillo noted that there were 25-30 people at the last coffee for a presentation by the Selectmen. The June coffee will have a Travel related program, and the Annual Meeting of the Friends.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paul Mendonca reported that the Town has sent letters to those eligible, stating that anyone who has a current exemption listed, will also receive an exemption to the CPA Tax.

The Director noted that 170 meals were served at Enon Village under the Meals program in the month of April.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00

Next Meeting – June 9, 2009

Lucille Lynch, Secretary