

**WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 9, 2009**

**Board Members Attending:** Roseann Brozenske, Dick Eddy, Susan Carp, Mary Kelly, Luci Lynch,

**COA Director:** Trudy Reid

Meeting opened at 2:00

Minutes of the Meeting of May 12<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

**H-W COA Van:** The Director reported that the grant she wrote for a new Van two years ago, has been awarded in the amount of \$39,000. As stated in the Grant, the state will pay 80%, and the two towns will pay 20% She is still waiting for the details of how the process will play out

**H-W Open Land Trust:** Last month this group met with a few residents of the Boulders. They were very interested in a Community Garden for next year. They are currently looking to lease some of their land. The Director is waiting for a landscape designer from H-W Green to meet with her and walk to property. The only drawbacks may be the lack of parking and getting water available to the site. If the current lease holder would agree to run water lines, this could be an added expense, (not in anyone's budget). The Open Land Trust is hoping to have a better idea by the Fall. Jeff Chelgren has told the Director that if the Boulders site does not work out, there may be other land available.

**Senior Tax Work-Off Program:** The Director reported that the person who had contacted her, wanting to participate in the program, is currently working for the H-W Rec Department.

**Summer Hours:** The Director plans to cut her hours during the summer, while her children are home. It will depend on the weather and the work load. Most likely it will be Wednesdays, when Jeff Hyde will be able to cover the phones., and Fridays, when the van is slow. The van will be closing at 12:00 or 1:00 during July and August.

**Out Reach Coordinator Update:** This grant runs until 9/30/09. She presently has 44 new clients. Most of her time is spent on phone calls. The Low Vision Group is continuing as well.

**Art Committee:** There is a need for someone to take over this Committee in the Fall. As Doris does not wish to continue.

**Trips:** It is important to find someone who is willing to coordinate this program. If you know anyone who might be interested, please contact the Director. Trips might be shared with the Rec Department, the Library, the Community House, or Hamilton. COA. The Board discussed the possibility of a walking program. a Foliage tripe, Foxwoods trip among others. We need to explore the possibilities .

**COMMITTEE REPORTS;**

**Friends** - Mary reported that the Annual Meeting was held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Jack Hauck is the new President, and Tom Tanous the Vice President. The Town Quilt was displayed for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and was greatly admired any many pictures taken. This is still a work in progress.

A date of Nov.15<sup>th</sup> has been set for the Fall Fling. And the Committee is hard at work.

**Kite Day** - Dick Eddy reported that next year the event will be held at the Beverly Airport soccer field where there should be better flying conditions. There is an on going discussion about how the Library can become more involved and all the lead up activities, such as when and where to build. the kites etc. This will be the biggest ever! The next meeting of the Committee will be on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Coffees** - The first coffee will be held in October due to conflicts in September. It is planned to broaden the program next year, with less Town issues.

**Movies** - Roseann noted that eleven people attended the showing of Slumdog Millionaire, and most seemed to enjoy it. Tomorrow's film will be The Bucket List. There was some discussion about changing the time to mornings, or even ta different day of the week. No decision made as yet. There will be no films during July and August.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 P.M.**

**Next Meeting: September 8, 2009**

**Lucille Lynch, Secretary**