

Bedford Council on Aging, Minutes of Board Meeting, 8 January 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM.

2: Attendance:

Board: J. Gerdes, R. Dyer, M. Pine, R. Ennis, P. Salter, L. DiNapoli,

Staff: Lori Wittner

Selectman Liaison: W. Moonan

Visitor: M. Maloney

3. The minutes of the 13 November meeting were accepted as submitted

4. Financial Report:

Budget continues to be in good shape. Received \$1000.00 from Nickerson Fund to assist in providing help to those needing help with fuel bills. Also received an anonymous \$1000.00 from a resident who had in the past borrowed medical equipment from the COA.

5. Supporting Organization Reports:

FBCOA:

The planned fund raiser with Brueggers has been delayed because of several manager changes at the local outlet. J. Gerdes will submit another letter and FBCOA background information to the current manager to start the request process once again. Gerdes noted that the Burlington Chateau restaurant is also offering fund-raising help, so they too will be contacted with appropriate FBCOA supporting documentation.

Minuteman Senior Services:

Two meetings were held since the last COA Board meeting. Nursing staff very busy; plans are to hire one additional RN. There is a waiting list of about 5 for home care. Private income of \$70,000.00 was received in December. Staff working with Bedford Cable TV for public service announcements. Chinese and Indian meals now available in Lexington and Arlington.

6. Old Business:

J. Gerdes noted that we are still without a Deputy COA Chairman and suggested we move to fill this position. J. Gerdes was nominated but declined citing time constraints due to his position as President of the FBCOA and management of the fix-it shop. Mary Pine was nominated, seconded and approved by the Board as Deputy COA Chairman.

7. New Business

Selectman Moonan said the selectmen voted to approve an expenditure of

\$60,000.00 for the study and design of two grass (not turf) fields on the property purchased from St. Michaels Church some time ago. There is, however, a hold on beginning the study pending the outcome of a Suit filed by an abutter protesting how the land purchase was accomplished. Bill Moonan suggested the Chamber of Commerce be requested to offer help in getting local merchants to offer discounts to FBCOA members, as are now offered by Bedford Jewelers and Bedford Florist. R. Dyer noted a problem many Seniors have in trying to visit friends who have moved to Assisted Living facilities. She suggested it might be possible to provide some car-pooling arrangement if drivers already planning to visit a friend at one of these facilities could pick up other Seniors wanting to visit the same facility. Rosemary volunteered as a committee of one to investigate possible means of matching drivers with those looking for of transportation. Bill Moonan suggested we might be able to save some money by emailing the COA monthly Newsletter rather than using snail mail. Lori will look into the feasibility of implementing this.

8. The next meeting of the COA Board is April 9, 2013

9. The meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.