

**Bedford Council on Aging
Minutes of Board Meeting
21 May 2013**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

2. Attendance:

Board: John Gerdes, Polly Salter, Luigi DiNapoli, Bobbie Ennis,
Rosemary Dyer, Mary Pine, Arthur Walsh
Staff: Lori Wittner.

3. Bobbie Ennis opened by stating the reason for calling this meeting being to reconfirm the COA hours on Saturdays and to clarify use of space. She gave some background information about how the COA got approval for Saturday programming. Hours were reconfirmed as 12-4 and policy was discussed. The board was in agreement that nobody should be participating in activities at the COA outside of normal hours unless approved in advance.

4. The minutes of the 8 January 2013 meeting were accepted as submitted.

5. Financial Report:

Continue to be in good shape.
We have received yet another \$10K grant from Carleton-Willard for the Wheels of Life program.
The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will take place on May 28. Invitations will be mailed out at the end of this month.

5. Supporting Organization Reports:

FBCOA:

A new Secretary has been appointed (R. Murphy). The Fix It Shop has fixed numerous clocks and has brought in about \$375 in revenue. President J. Gerdes will be requesting \$1,200 from the FBCOA for an ultrasonic cleaner. Three new individuals have been volunteering. A suggestion was made to thank the volunteers in the next COA Newsletter. Not much success has been made in organizing a fundraiser at Bruegger's due to changes in management. J. Gerdes presented information on fundraiser opportunities at the Chateau Restaurant. Tuesday June 11 was suggested as a possible date.

Minuteman Senior Services:

Some of the staff attended a rally at the State House to advocate for an end to wait lists for homecare and also met with legislators. EOEA has notified agencies that those on wait lists can now receive home care services.

Protective Services is training staff to work with Domestic Violence Program as part of a statewide effort.

Presentation at the April meeting on ICOS (Integrative Care Organizations) for people ages 21-64 who are Medicare/Medicaid eligible.

6. Old business:

R. Dyer brought up the discussion about rides for people to visit loved ones in nursing facilities. St. Michael's Church will put something in their newsletter.

The suggestion of offering the monthly newsletter via email was made at the last meeting. Very few people requested this service. COA Director reported that the new Town website would allow the ability for anyone to subscribe to the monthly newsletter electronically.

7. New business.

Selectman Moonan reported that water work will begin shortly on Great Road and that the Selectmen will begin their summer schedule (every other week meetings). A signed contract for vehicles will be discussed by the Selectmen.

8. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 12:15 PM, 11 June 2013.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.