

ROCKPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

MINUTES FROM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

Present: Faye Anderson, Chairman, Roger Lesch, Diane Bertolino, Director, Paula Bertolino, Activities Director, Shirley Conway, Gilbert McCarthy, Suzanne Terry, Maureen Beeley.

Absent: Donald Sudbay, Diane Derow, Joanne Wood, Christine Marek, Colleen McGrath.

Attending: Mitchell Viera, Assistant Town Administrator.

Distribution: Minutes from Tuesday, October 20, 2015, Agenda, Tuesday, October 20, 2015, Director's Report, December 2015, Activities Calendar December 2015 Rockport Senior Center, Community House Calendar of Use, November 2015, Town of Rockport Expenditure Report, State Grant, and Other Special Revenues for Council On Aging 07/01/2015-06/30/2016, Sample of assorted Senior Center Demographics, Daily Activities for Paula Bertolino, November 2015, Letter to Council on Aging dated November 11, 2015 regarding outstanding efforts by Director Diane Bertolino to assist a Rockport senior citizen.

Meeting called to order: 5:30 p.m

Minutes from Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Motion to accept Roger Lesch. 2nd Gil McCarthy. Unanimous.

Director's Report: See attached.

Discussion: Council members congratulated Diane on her efforts to assist a Rockport senior with medical and housing issues.

CORI/SORI packets given out to council member as well as instructors and volunteers.

Paula Bertolino presented a written report for November 2015 on how her day is filled.

Diane spoke about recent issues with the lack of heat in the building

The Council on Aging budget for FY 2016 was discussed,

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Maureen Beeley. 2nd Roger Lesch.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Lesch, Secretary

Director's Report
December 2015

This past month our regular classes were very full. We hit an all-time high with one of our Yoga classes with 35 people. Our strength class highest enrollment was 24. Tai Chi continues with 8-10. We finished a session of art with 11 and a session of computer with 3. Duplicate bridge, bingo, scrabble, and knitting/sewing continue about the same. Our second flu shot had approximately 30 people. We did applications for Charlie Cards and had 88 people with the help of Dick Curran and the Director of the Ipswich COA. Capt. Phil Tanson and Hildy Feurbach gave a presentation on carbon monoxide. Sharon Chace had a small group that enjoyed her book reading. A representative from Veteran's services in Bedford was here to share what is available for Veterans.

Our Thanksgiving luncheon at the center held 42 people. The musical entertainment was wonderful with some people dancing and enjoying the music.

The WiFi has been connected in the building. We are currently on the new telephone system where calls will be recorded if you are on the current line. We can also transfer calls to other departments and call other departments in house. My computer has been upgraded and our laptop is currently being upgraded. The new website is up and running.

One of our senior volunteers, Pat Olson, was recognized by The Open Door and received the Helen Meuse Community Service award for her work at the Senior Mobile Market and Millbrook Park market. Pat received this honor at their volunteer breakfast at Cruiseport. Pat Olson and Julie LaFontaine's picture will be in our next newsletter.

I attended a meeting in Lowell for the National Senior Network. This is the program that our senior employee, Karen Smith, is paid by. They went over agency policies and what is expected of the Host Agency Supervisor and the importance as a partner. We received a Certificate of Recognition for our participation.

I spent 3 days in court with a Rockport senior who had become homeless due to conditions in her apartment and worked to assist her. I traveled to Lawrence and Salem.

Jane Carr taught CPR to three of our exercise instructors, Paula, and myself.

One week during classes, Shakesphere theatre troop had set up their stage and lights on a Wednesday & Thursday. We had to work around them.

We have been going to classes with the IT department on Tuesday mornings.

Mitch thought I should change the Selectmen's meeting from Nov. 17th to another time. I have scheduled January 12th.

CORI/SORI papers have been passed out to our volunteers and instructors.

A management meeting was held and we were informed that the town will be \$650,000 short for the coming year if budgets stay the same for next year.