

Minutes of Board Meeting of April 12, 2011

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President, Patricia Burgess, Vice President, Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng, Mary Ann Dalton, Maureen Harty, and Carmela Schipani.

Staff Present: Eileen Ginnetty, Patricia Johnson, Vincent McCarthy, Susan Pacheco and Emma Watkins. Minutes from March 8, 2011 were accepted.

COA Executive Director's Report; Eileen opened the meeting explaining the Silver Ribbon Committee, which is hosted by Vice Mayor, Henrietta Davis. This committee will meet at the Citywide Senior Center in April 6, May 4 & June 1. Aging in the Community is the focus, and at the May 4th meeting public comment on housing needs will be the focus.

The registration for our April 30th Senior Town Meeting has been increasing every day, and we expect a great turnout. The speakers and workshops are very interesting. Emma Watkins will report on Senior Town Meeting a little later in this meeting.

Client Services: Susan notified us that the Under Secretary for Consumer Affairs has rescheduled her talk for Thursday, May 12 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. The focus is Senior Scams. The Mayor & the President of MIT will host their annual senior picnic on May 12. Tickets are required.

The License Commission has approved an increase in the taxi coupon deduction effective April 4. This will increase the amount of the discount a senior can get on each one-way trip from \$2.25 to \$2.50 for a fare costing up to \$7.00, and \$5.00 discount (using two of the coupons) for any fare over \$7.00

Citywide Senior Center: Emma reported: Senior Town Meeting agenda will start with registration and continental breakfast. The workshops planned are: Raising Your Energy Levels Back to Health, Falls Prevention, Cambridge Happenings, and Shared Housing. Box lunches will be provided. Lastly, a Speakout is scheduled where the audience is invited to share comments, ideas, and questions to our panel. A report back with resolutions of concerns will be forthcoming. An informational and fun day is planned.

Our Volunteer Appreciation luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, April 14.

Tufts University Osher Lifelong Learning Program will continue on May 17 and May 31. They will present The Birth & Growth of the Railroads in the 19th Century.

North Cambridge Senior Center: Vincent reported that North Cambridge Senior Center has formed a 25th Anniversary Committee. This committee will come up with ideas for the event planned for June 21. Volunteer Appreciation luncheon will be held on April 21 at the West Cambridge Youth Center. Vincent is working with the Arts Council to participate in "Open Studios" on Saturday, May 20.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services will provide an Elderfair: Health & Wellness expo. RSVP for this event and reserve lunch by calling 617-628-2601 by April 8. Event is planned for Tuesday April 19 from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at the Healey School, Meacham Street, Somerville.

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Johnson