

Minutes of Board Meeting of May 10, 2011

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President, Patricia Burgess, Vice President, Mary Ann Dalton, Maureen Harty, Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng; Edna Stamp

Staff Present: Eileen Ginnetty, Patricia Johnson, Vincent McCarthy, Susan Pacheco and Emma Watkins.

Minutes from April 12 were accepted with *one correction*. The Presentation by Under Secretary for Consumer Affairs will be held on May 19, not May 12th. (incorrect date)

COA Executive Director's Report; Eileen spoke about the senior concerns from Town Meeting as reported at the Speak out. She also reviewed preliminary numbers on Cambridge population from the 2010 federal census.

Client Services: Susan reminded us that the Under Secretary for Consumer Affairs will speak on May 19 with a focus on senior scams. On June 23 the Women's Bar Foundation, Elder Law Project will provide Pro Bono legal services to seniors who meet income and asset guidelines. Registration is required.

Susan is proud to announce that Liz Seelman is the recipient of the Jeannie Warren Paine Award. The celebration will be held on May 16 at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 3 Church St., Cambridge. Lastly Susan reminded the board that on Thursday, May 12 the Mayor's Picnic will be held at MIT.

Citywide Senior Center: Emma reported that; it's that time of year again where senior satisfaction surveys are due by June 30. This is an annual event, and Emma is looking for volunteers to help conduct the survey. Emma commented on the Tuft's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute presenting: *The Crusades* on June 14 and June 28. Since we now have to pay for senior transportation or the Walking Club, Senior Center has to look into some fundraising.

North Cambridge Senior Center: Vincent reported that North Cambridge Senior Center will have a Remembrance Tea on May 19. Also, on Saturday May 21, in collaboration with the Cambridge Arts Council, 2050 will host *Open Studios* with artists and presentations. This event will be held from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. SCES will conduct Matter of Balance series at North Cambridge. This program was held there before and well received. The series will be held from May 10 thru June 28. RSVP if you would like to attend North Cambridge's 25 Anniversary party to be held June 21 at the West Cambridge Youth Center.

Mary Ann Dalton reported on recent budget hearings. The major cut will be seen in Protective Services. Surprisingly the State revenue was above expectations.

Eileen closed the meeting with a reminder that the next COA Board meeting will start later to accommodate the members' attendance at COA's annual "Employee Appreciation Luncheon." The meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. The luncheon will be held from 12:30 p.m.–1:30.

NB: The Board will not meet in July and August, but will resume on Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Johnson