

**Barnstable Council on Aging**  
825 Falmouth Rd  
Hyannis, MA 02601

**Monthly meeting – July 15, 2015**  
**@ 9:00 AM**

Present: Josephine Melpignano, Katherine Evans, Tom Pelish, Barbara Cross, Gary Sylvester, John Joje, Eleanor Letterie, Paul Curley, Helen Stretch, John Alden, Donna Burns

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM and a quorum was met. The minutes were approved as written.

Committee reports:

- Needs Assessment: No further information, waiting on survey results
- Ombudsman: Has had a couple of meeting with the public to help resolve issues
- FBCOA: All is going well. A senior that they had approved funds to help with an electric bill made a donation of \$300.00.

Old Business:

- By-laws: Madeline check with the town lawyer and there needs to be a majority vote so the quorum will remain at 7 board members. All other changes were accepted and approved.

New Business:

- AARP approved additional funds for state COA's Formula Grant in the amount of 2.4 million. Board members have been asked to contact your legislature and thank them for all their work on getting the additional funding.
- The board was asked to please be a larger presence at events.

Director's report: Given by Donna Burns in Madeline's absence

- Open House was well attended. Awards were received as follows: Friendship - Adrienne Lawson, Legacy – Companion Animal Program and Garden Club, Ruth Rusher – Robert and Bridget Burke, Boston Post Cane – Marjorie Johnson
- Woodcarvers Crest (Sandy Neck Beach) will be unveiled at a public event. They have just about completed the crest and have done an outstanding job
- UMass Boston received 1,250 surveys back out of 4,300. They will be compiling data, mid August a draft will be completed and the final in September

- The new Silver Leaf is being well received. Thank you to the Friends for covering the cost of the new electric car
- ASD update: Town Councilors are willing to help support the program with town funding. How this is going to take place is unknown at this time but have assured the senior center they want the program to continue
- A transportation survey of 160 clients was sent out and received 60 returns to date. There have been positive responses so far from these clients
- Discussed marketing the ASD program to up the number of participants

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM

Next meeting to take place on August 19, 2015 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Enos,  
Principal Division Assistant