

Minutes
COA Board Meeting
April 12, 2007

Present: G. Brennan, chair, G.Howe, P. Mendes – F. Alexander excused – V. Carrano, Dir.
Friends: M.Perry, V. Wilson
Guest: M. Couture, Selectman

The Meeting was called to Order at 3:05pm

The Chair turned the meeting over to Ms. Couture. Ms. Couture explained that our remarks at Town Meeting had sounded like the Selectmen were ignoring Seniors. She cited the work to save Cape End Manor, and an on-going dialogue with Seniors. In turn, Board members shared our concerns about yet another tax, and the apparent lack of any acknowledgment of the huge Capital Gains taxes that Seniors who had been property owners for long periods would face if/when selling residences. Board members also shared some of the history of long-term friction with Town Hall. Ms. Couture was grateful for the meeting and seemed to leave with a better appreciation of our position.

Director's Report: Ms. Carrano reported that Austin Knight had written to thank us for the COA Candidates' lunch. The new Town Manager will be with us at the next meeting at 3:00. The Dir. Of Public Works also wishes to talk about rest room & sewer issues – 3:30. The Chair will represent us at the P.P.S. meeting at VMES on 4/24/07, from 5 to 7 pm. The newsletter will invite nominations for Senior Citizen of the Year – due by 6/15/07. What to do about the Fourth of July parade?

Friends: V.Wilson reported that there were no special events. Expense for Candidates' Lunch: \$357.00.

SALT: No action.

Senior Liaison: P. Mendes reported that there is a dialogue going between Officer Peters & the Director. Police Liaison would prefer occasional programs to a continuing series. They will probably offer the DECIDE program in the late spring.

Old Business: Yearrounders' – Thanks to Margie & Greg. Candidates' event went well, good crowd. Report on Town Meeting [Tax was rejected]. Kay Vogt will be sworn as Alternate. Still looking for Board Candidates – regular and alternate.

New Business: Seashore Point – Tues., April; 24, 1-3pm w/t light lunch –P.T. demo. Wt. Line print class. Ceramics class at High School w/t Gail Browne. Dianne will do Volunteer Recognition lunch – May 11. May 22, 3rd Poetry Tea. Bake Sale, May 26. June: Cape Wildlife Presentation. New Vets. Agent, June 26. Cook books for Monument & Atlantic Spice – P. Mendes will do Monument, G. Howe will do Atlantic Spice.

Next Meeting - Changed to May 15 !!!!!!! Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm