

PROVINCETOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

Board Meeting January 12th, 2006

Present: Gerry Brennan, Chair, Ilene Charles, Florence Alexander, Greg Howe, **Others:** Val Carrano, Director, **Friends:** Vern Wilson, Marge Perry

Meeting called to order by chair at 3:00PM

Correspondence: 1) Letters to: Chief Meyer and Michelle Couture voicing the boards concerns regarding using the Gouveia building as a pet shelter during emergencies. (A decision to use Town Hall instead was reached by them) 2) An e-mail thank you to Sarah Peak for coming to the last COA meeting to thank Brunetta Wolfman for her many years of service. 3) An e-mail letter to David Guertin thanking him for filling in the “gully” in the driveway.

Director's Report: 1) Val discussed the taxpayer exemption programs on the Cape and found that Provincetown was lower than most towns. The board was asked their opinion on ways they may suggest a restructure regarding ages and income levels for seniors and the channels to address those suggestions to. 2) Also discussed was the relief available for seniors from the increase in sewer charges. The only current relief is a 14% interest on late payments or a deferral at 8% interest plus a lien on the property. Members voted to speak to the Water and Sewer Board regarding the issue of better relief for our Seniors. 3) Linoleum is in the process of being installed in the hallway.

Chair Report: 1) Gerry reports that the ceramics class is going full tilt with 11 folk and more wanting to join than slots are available. 2) The painting class with Steve Kennedy has been less attended. 3) In February Kathi Smith will teach a class on white line wood block printing. 4) Gerry will get in touch with Vern Porter and try to get the town hall use request form changed to include that cushions are available for rental from the COA. 5) The sub commission meeting on Seashore Point was approved by the Cape Cod Commission. 6) A wish list will be sent to Dave Guertin as he requested asking for: landscaping in the spring, replacing the pantry door and frame, painting the clinic room #8, finishing the painting of the large room on the second floor, and filling in the giant hole in the left parking lot.

Friends: 1) Vern Wilson said that the annual appeal to date is \$5,410. 2) The rug in the dining room has been paid for \$2,800. 3) Marge Perry has sold 28 more cookbooks at the 2 banks in town for \$280.

Salt: Greg Howe discussed the lock box initiative and getting the town to make it part of their municipal budget as the friends should really not be paying for these. The boxes are \$35 each and the friends just bought 5 more. Val to speak with Chief Meyer.

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Old Business: Two board positions still open – a regular and an alternate. Looking for a Cooking Class coordinator.

New Business: see above

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:150pm. The next meeting will be held on **February 9th, 2006, at 3:00PM** in room #10 of the Grace Gouveia Bldg.

Respectfully submitted,
Ilene Charles