

**Council on Aging
Minutes of Meeting
April 26, 2011**

Chair Marje Stickler called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Board members present: Marje Stickler, Helen Taylor, Verna Gilbert, Jean Sain, Jim Elgin, Liz Bishop, Elizabeth Acquaviva, Abha Singhal, Phyllis Goff and Sandy McIlhenny. Board member absent : Ted Read. Associate members present : Natalie Ives, Tom Dunkers and Joanne Willens. Also attending were staff members Debi Siriani, Carol Killpartrick and Angela Smith. Peter Cullinane was not present. Friends present: Ray Taylor, Grace Tilton and Santo Pullara. Lillian Debenedictis and Barbra Culkins were present.

Marje Stickler introduced Barbra Culkins and Lillian Debenedictis as guests who may be interested in serving on the Board.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 15, 2011 meeting and the March 21 special meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Abha Singhal reported that the LRTA reimbursed us for \$18,738.24 and she explained each budget item. She reported that 70% of the budget was spent if we do not count the LRTA reimbursement. We need to know if there are restrictions on the LRTA funds. Debi stated she would look into that question. The social services counseling can only spend 50% because we split the amount with another department. The report was accepted.

Director's Report: Debi Siriani reported that Fin. Com. recommended the 12 additional hours of paid staff time be included in the FY12 Budget. She thought the 12 hours would be paid at a grade 3 rate. She would welcome any ideas for Old Home Day Her report was accepted.

Outreach Coordinator's Report: Angela reported that she will sign up our COA for the second Tuesday of the month for the high school vocational lunches. She wanted to avoid any conflict with the monthly COA Board meetings. She is still looking for more volunteers. One for monthly coffee at Village Court and for other programs. It was suggested that a new board member may be able to coordinate the attendee check off and money at the high school lunches. Her report was accepted.

Social Worker: Peter Cullinane's report for March was submitted and accepted.

Transportation Report: Carol Killpartrick 's report was submitted and accepted.

Travel: Joanne Willens reported that she has planned theatre outings for both North Shore and Stoneham. She has overseas trips in the works and the walking group is walking in full force.