



## **FREETOWN COUNCIL ON AGING**

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**October 18, 2016**

**Present:** Edward Medeiros, Ruth Ferland, Marion Rylands, Charles Gray, Bruce Wilbur, Barbara Lafleur

**Absent:** Jeannette Tisdelle, Robert Martel.

**Treasurer Report:** The COA Board was given July, August and September expense sheets for them to view.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes of August 1, August 4, August 18 and September 15 were read and accepted.

### **Old Business:**

**Install air conditioners.** We are waiting on the installation of one air conditioner through the Building Department.

### **New Business:**

**Trish Robertson from Bristol Elder Services:**

**She could not be at the meeting today. She wanted to discuss a needs assessment with the board.**

### **Doors:**

**Handicap accessible doors were discussed. It would be easier if the "push button" were installed. Marion Rylands talked about how difficult it is for people with a walker/cane and even a wheelchair to come into the building. Marion will see if Bristol Elder Services can help us with this, maybe a grant is available.**

### **Cook-out:**

**Edward Medeiros said he thought Jeannette Tisdelle would like to see cookouts for seniors separate from Town Employees. We are not sure that S&S was actually approached on this per Edward Medeiros.**

### **New Bingo Cards:**

**Some cards we have are over 10 years old. After much discussion the board voted to purchase new cards.**

### **Repair/Replace pool table cloth:**

**At this time, it does not need to be replaced. This pool table is used at least 3 days a week. Some are here in the morning and others will use it again in the afternoon. We will check into this again in April.**

***COA/Library: We are going to try and schedule a time with the Library to go and view the Mansfield COA/Library and Foxboro COA. To our knowledge this is the only one in the state with both departments sharing one building.***

**Programs:**

***We are coordinating a trip to Lasalette Shrine. We have the volunteer driver, waiting for the bus company to return our call. Tentative date is Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>.***

***Harpoon Harmonizers: Tentative date is November 8<sup>th</sup> waiting for confirmation. This is available through a grant from the Freetown Cultural Council.***

**Suggestions:**

***Bruce Wilbur suggested trying to contact SHINE (Serving the Insurance needs of everyone) trying to help those that have Tufts. It is our understanding that many seniors will not be able to go to Hawthorn Medical. We will try and set something up with SHINE, maybe hold it at the VFW in Freetown as the COA has limited space available.***

***Meeting adjourned.***

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Barbara Lafleur  
Director***