

## COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

### Minutes of January 22, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Theresa Eckstrom, Chair; Robin Bahr Casey; Meg Coffin; Tom Cullinane; Nancy Greenberg; Paul Johnson; Richard Pinkes; Richard Shea; Caroline Sullivan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Nguyen; Nghia Le, Excused-Chris Evans

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth, Linda Wincek-Moore; Deb Dowd Foley-Elder Services of Worcester Area; Ron Motta-Friends of Worcester's Senior Center

Richard (Dick) Shea was introduced as a new Commission member. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The minutes of Oct. 24, 2017; Nov. 27, 2017; and Jan 9, 2018 were approved as distributed. m/s/a

The Senior Center Committee Report of January 9, 2018 was approved as distributed. m/s/a

Debbie Dowd Foley, Caregiver Specialist from ESWA, spoke about the various programs available and gave an overview of Elder Services' agency. Commission member questions were answered.

Amy gave the Director's Report highlighting the goal & objective reports. The FY 2018 State Formula Grant reflecting a 3% decrease is in the signing process. Members were invited to attend the City Council meeting Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> to speak about the funding plan for the parking lot and Anderson Building. Funding for the Memory Café has been renewed through the Mass. Assoc. of Councils on Aging. Outreach to Worc Housing Authority is going well with over 50 new seniors attending. It is hoped that the Chinese Elder Group Coordinator and Public Health Nurse will be hired soon.

Patty updated members on programs and facility items. Linda reported on outreach efforts and SNAP application certification. Vietnamese Matter of Balance will be starting in March. A Health & Safety Resource Fair will be held at the Senior Center Wed., April 11.

Ron Motta reported on the activities of the Friends of Worcester's Senior Center. Patty answered questions about the proposed change to the distribution of the Senior Scoop.

The next meeting is scheduled for Mon. Feb 26, 2018. The meeting adjourned.  
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