

## **DRAFT MINUTES NANTUCKET COUNCIL ON AGING – January 6, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom McGlinn at 1:36 PM. at the Saltmarsh Senior Center. Members Present: Tom McGlinn, Ella Finn, Joe Aguiar, Colleen McLaughlin, Glenora Kelly Smith, and Daryl Westbrook

Members Absent: Chuck Gifford, Randy Wight and Charles Manghis

Guests: Nancy Swain, President of the Nantucket Center for Elder Affairs Board, Laura Stewart, Saltmarsh Center Program Director, Phil Gallagher and Jon St. Laurent, who arrived at 1:45 PM. **Mr. McGlinn ascertained that a quorum was present. Mrs. Westbrook moved with Mr. Aguiar seconding to accept the agenda for the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Nancy Swain discussed how the two organizations can work together to address the needs of elders. She explained that many of board members are new to the elder experience. Nancy gave each Nantucket Council on Aging member a copy of their minutes( attached to these minutes). Nancy indicated that her organization has approximately \$130,000 in assets, and a \$780 grant for elderly dental assistance. They are the fund-raising arm for the Saltmarsh Center supporting the activities for the elder community and keeping the building in repair. A home inspection consultant has provided her organization with a list of essential repairs which must be done. Nancy also acknowledged that her members do understand how the budget process works. She invited us to attend meetings of the Nantucket Center for Elder Affairs. Nancy left the meeting at 1:50 PM. Nantucket Council on Aging members reaffirmed that our Chair and Vice Chair can attend Nancy's meetings and do represent the Nantucket Council on Aging when required, or themselves as individual members of the public if they so choose.

Draft minutes from the November meeting and the December meeting were provided before the start of the meeting. Ms. McLaughlin asked that the November 4 minutes be amended to indicate that Mr. Gifford and not Mrs. Glenora Kelly Smith had arrived after the start of the meeting. **Mrs. Westbrook moved with Mr. Aguiar seconding approval of the amended draft minutes from the November and December Nantucket Council on Aging meetings. The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Finn reported the ESCCI Board did not meet in December.

Rachel Chretien reported the progress toward the licensing for Erin Kopecki to become the Assistant Director for Human Services. Erin is in the application process and will begin her administrative training in February. The training is a six month process. Erin may be working under the tutelage of Pam Mirriam.

Rachel reported that the RFP for selecting a consulting firm to explore and suggest operational models which could be implemented at any of the sites being considered closes on Friday. Interviews of the prospective firms will start the week of January 12.

Laura Stewart, Program Coordinator, presented her monthly report which led to a lengthy discussion on how to enhance the ambiance of the Saltmarsh Dinner event and to increase the number attending. Numerous suggestions were offered, particularly toward dimming the lighting. It was suggested that this concern be addressed to the Nantucket Center for Elder Affairs Board. Others felt mood music, requiring reservations, and arranging transportation for those who do not drive in the evening might also be helpful.

**Mr. Aguiar moved with Ms. Finn seconding that Mr. St. Laurent be allowed to make a presentation regarding the transportation of elders for social and cultural activities.** He asked that reapplying for the Title III grant given up years ago would help him provide safe and comfortable transportation for more local and off-island social events for Nantucket elders... Ms. Finn will check with the board of the Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands to determine the dates of the next grant cycle for the Title III Older Americans Act monetary awards. Mr. St. Laurent will bring one of his motor coaches to the February meeting.

Daryl Westbrook left the meeting at 2:25 PM.

**Ms. McLaughlin moved with Ms. Finn seconding that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 PM. The motion passed unanimously.**