



Regular meeting minutes of the  
**Council on Aging Board**

Date: 3/21/2018

Place: Senior Center

Room: B07

75 Groton Road, No. Chelmsford, MA 01824

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**Opening:** Chair Len Olenchak called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Members present:** Nickie Bischoff, Fred Brusseau, Steve Flynn, Louise Myers, Len Olenchak, Jerelyn Serra, Debra Siriani, Annie Smith, and Dianne Sperry.

**Members absent:** Paul Der Ananian, Alan Fidler, Bob Hamilton, Ruth l'Anson, Terese Viega

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Guest:** Jeff Ballinger

**Minutes:** Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Jeff Ballinger, candidate for U.S. Representative for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Massachusetts District, spoke to the board about why he is running for Congress and the agenda he will pursue if elected. Board members presented the issues the Senior Center is addressing.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Perspective Document.** Fred Brusseau discussed the Perspective Document and the Board approved the level of detail that he prepared in draft form for the many topics of interest. Fred also asked the Board to be prepared at the next meeting with their recommendations as to where in the budget planning process that the Perspective Document needs to be submitted so that the Board's perspectives can be considered and integrated in a timely fashion.

**New Sign.** Jerelyn Serra discussed the status of cost proposals for the sign. Len Olenchak mentioned the sign team will work with Dianne Sperry to prepare a site plan for the sign as part of the appeals submittal process.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Center Expansion.** Len Olenchak report that he as still looking into options for the Senior Center expansion.

**Political Activity Policy.** The Board approved the following formal policy for political activities and petitions at the Center:

*Chelmsford Senior Center*

**Political Activity/Petitions Policy**

Persons running for political office are welcome to visit the Chelmsford Senior Center; however, they will not be allowed to bring any campaign materials on the premises. Campaign contributions are not to be solicited within the Senior Center by anyone including participants, staff or volunteers. Any petition brought on the premises must remain at the reception desk for viewing, and may not be accompanied by verbal solicitation within the Senior Center by anyone, including participants, staff or volunteers. The Senior Center Director must be notified of any visit by town, city, state, or federal candidates, in advance of the visit, whenever possible.

Effective March 22, 2018

**NEXT MEETING: WED., APRIL 25, 9:00 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by Ruth I'Anson, Recording Secretary