

# COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

Town of Truro  
January 12, 2016

The Truro Council on Aging Board met a 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 12, 2015 at the Community Center

Present: Bonnie Sollog (chair), Martha Ingram, Beth O'Rourke, Bernard Robbins, Claudia Tuckey, John Thornley, Steve Royka, Girard Smith, Cathy Staff

Absent: Joan Moriarty, Joan Holt, Hannah Shrand, Martha Ingram, Steve Royka

Also Present: Susan Travers, Director; Elton Cutler, Outreach Coordinator, Rae Ann Palmer, Paul Wizotsky

1. December 6, 2015 Minutes were approved with correction. Moved by Joan Moriarty, 2nd by Kathy Staff
2. Treasurer's Report presented by Girard Smith; \$173.01 received in November; \$231.50 in December.
3. Town Administrator's Report: Rae Ann Palmer reported on Snow Plowing Policy; presented by Paul Wizotsky—collecting info on Snow removal policy primarily on private roads. Held several meetings with various groups; Rae Ann and DPW director prepared report on other towns policies. 120 miles of private roads. In order for towns to take on plowing private roads, towns have to adopt a MA General Law, has to occur at town meeting. Needs to be voted on by the town. Short term solution looking at emergency situations—need to create a database of most vulnerable residents; town is asking residents if they feel they are vulnerable to snow events to put themselves on the list. Town is working to encourage the private roads to form private road associations. If the town adopts a private road plowing policy; the town establishes standards for plowing. Rae Ann stated that Susan T and Jay and she will be meeting Thursday to begin the process of creating the database. Pay as you Throw Program—SMART (Save Money and Reduce Trash) did a presentation on the program. The committee was split—four in favor, three opposed. Presentation available on the website. BoS heard the pros & cons; asked for an operational plan. would it require more staff at the transfer station. How would be it be administered. The BoS does not have the authority to initiate this change, they can recommend to the BoH and the BoH would have public hearings to gather more info from the community.
4. Director's Report continued: Cooking class tomorrow, three people signed up; fire chief & ST going to BoS meeting tonight, joint program presented at the COA on fire prevention. ST will talk about fall prevention. Elton & Susan will be speaking with police and fire on hoarding protocol for staff. Also working on list of people with disabilities in order to better support them. Attended a meeting at CCH to brainstorm on ways to improve communications between agencies and service providers. CCH creating a report available in October to connect citizens with services. ST had a budget meeting with FinCom and BoS, will present next year's budget at next meeting. Town report due January 22.
5. Elton Cutler's Report: Services provided in November & December. Compared numbers.
6. Claudia Tuckey Report: ADHOC Housing Committee Update: Held three meetings trying to put together a survey

Cathy Staff Health Forum Update: Scheduled May 14th; will have a committee meeting within the next couple weeks

John Thornley asks we use less paper for our reports

Joan Moriarty to adjourn, John Thornley seconds; approveds