

# *Council on Aging*

Advisory Board Meeting

June 05, 2003 - **Minutes**

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**Member's Present:**

Clementina Ponte, Chair  
Stanley Ociesa, Vice Chair  
Paul Walsh  
Howard Prescott  
Margaret Collard

**Member's Absent:**

Marilyn Poulos  
Dolores Gomes  
Frank Monteiro

**Guest**

Stephen Furtado, Mayor's Assistant  
Matthew Thomas, City Solicitor  
Robert Davis, Director Board of Health

**Member's Excused**

Rita L'Etoile, Secretary

It was agreed by the Advisory Board Members present at the June 5, 2003 meeting, to contact the Board Members not present and ask if they have nominations for Officers for:

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Stephen Furtado, Matthew Thomas and Robert Davis were introduced to the Board and Mr. Furtado brought forth the implementation and reorganization of the Human Services, Recreation, Board of Health and Veterans Departments with the Council on Aging. Question and answers followed regarding this reorganization.

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chairman Ponte called to order the meeting of June 05, 2003, at 9:10 a.m. and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Howard Prescott to accept the minutes of the May 01, 2003, meeting as written. Stanley Ociesa seconded the Motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Director's Report:**

Director Dorothy Koczera informed the Board of her last date of work 6/30/03, and informed the Board that Mr. Robert Davis will direct the Dept. of Health and Human Services, which the Council on Aging Department will fall under along with Recreation, Board of Health and Veterans. There is one possible clerical position that will be affected

due to Budget cuts.

Director discussed damage to Brooklawn Park Senior Center. Pictures were shown of the damages.

## **NEW BEDFORD COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. Report:**

Vice Chair Stanley Ociesa and Recording Secretary Rita L'Etoile were reappointed to the Coastline Elderly Services Advisory Board for FY 04.

Mr. Ociesa spoke with Kathy Audette, Coordinator for Caroline Apts. and was informed that Funds have been allocated for the Wellness Center at Caroline Apts. and that the meal site is still being worked on.

### **New Business:**

The Board discussed the elimination of the COA Director's position.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Discussion of the Elevator took place.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Howard Prescott and seconded by Stanley Ociesa. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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