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# WEBSTER COUNCIL ON AGING

Webster, MA 01570

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## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Sadowski who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Joann Sadowski, Ray Mullins, Barbara Steiger, Ed Szymczak, Phyllis Romano, Rose Sylvestri and Helen Kesner. Also present were the Director Jean Travis and Elaine Gould, candidate for a seat on the Council.

Minutes of the August meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Director's Report: The Director reported that all programs ( cards, bingo, serving lunches ) were going well. There was discussion about the closing of the Senior Center during certain outside activities and notification to groups who have met weekly and regularly for years, such as the knit and crochet group. The Director did not feel that notification to these groups was necessary and that taping notes to the Senior Center's doors was sufficient.

Review of term limits was also on the agenda but all members agreed that it was covered in full the month before.

Discussion of dissemination of minutes: Members had varied opinions as to how and when they should be distributed. Some members wanted them handed out just before the start of the meeting, some would like them emailed, some would like them sent by USPS mail. The Council is not allowed to have a budget so there is no money for stamps or envelopes. Visitor Elaine Gould suggested the minutes could be copied and then brought to the town hall for mailing. The Director volunteered to look into this and see if there was money in the budget for this.

Elaine Gould's application was reviewed by all members and Ray Mullins stated he felt Elaine would be an asset to the Council. Unanimous decision by the Council to accept and secretary will forward the paperwork to the Board of Selectmen for appointment.

Old Business: none

New Business: Barbara Steiger brought up the issue of the Senior Center being a possible shelter in case of disaster. Discussion was centered around the lack of a working kitchen in the center so it would probably not be possible.

Joann asked that COA members spend more time at the Senior Center. She stated that the Director needs a lot more volunteers and that we should contact her for information.

Ed brought up the news that the former Senior Center on School Street will now be used as part of the Head Start program.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>.