



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 10, 1990

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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- WHEREAS: Members completing their terms and rotating off the Board are Margaret Rose and Dorothy Cyr; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the Team of officers as they begin a new term and further extend the gratitude of this Council for the completed work of Ms. Rose and Ms. Cyr as they leave office; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to those mentioned on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council December 10, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

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tive Director of Windsor House Adult Day Health; Nanette Glenny, Director of Geriatric Outreach at the Cambridge Dept. of Health and Hospitals; Ehrl LaFontant, Housing Advocate at Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission; and Elizabeth Francis, Board Member of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill.



CAMBRIDGE TRUST COMPANY DONATES NEW BUS TO CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge Trust Company has donated a new bus to the City of Cambridge Human Services Department to commemorate the bank's 100th year of service in Cambridge. The 24-passenger bus, which is equipped with a chair lift for handicapped access, will be shared by the Council on Aging and the City's Special Needs Program. The vehicle will provide greatly expanded transportation services to programs for the elderly and special needs children and adults.

Cambridge Trust Company Chairman of the Board, Lewis H. Clark, in announcing the gift to the city, remarked: "In this, Cambridge Trust's centennial year, we wanted to give something back to the city that has been the mainstay of our bank over the last century. Since we pride ourselves on being a people-oriented bank, we could think of no more fitting gift than something that benefits two often over looked groups of people, children and senior citizens."

According to Kathie Fisinger, Executive Director of the Council on Aging, there are some 15,000 elders in the Cambridge Commu-

nity, many of whom have no means of transportation for such daily needs as grocery shopping, banking, and other activities of daily living. The Council will institute some new transportation runs for shopping, errands and other necessary trips. In addition, the Cambridge Senior Center, 2050 Mass. Avenue, will schedule transportation to enable more seniors to participate in the various programs. Ms. Filsinger anticipates the bus will allow greater mobility and self-sufficiency among the City's seniors.

Paul Ryder, director of the City's Special Needs Program, will schedule the bus for the department's after-school, evening and Saturday programs for children. The bus will also enable more special needs children and adults to attend special programs such as field trips, statewide functions and Special Olympics events. Arrival of the bus is expected in December. Routes and schedules will be distributed at that time.



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Every day thousands of older people find that they cannot stop drinking or misusing medications without help and turn to either professionals or self-help groups. To be referred to a professional, call the Mass. Department of Public Health, Division of Substance Abuse Hotline at 1-800-882-2003. To find a self-help group call Alcoholics Anonymous at 426-9444. Also the Cambridge Council on Aging offers a confidential program for elders; call Linda McMahan of the Geriatric Substance Abuse Program at 498-9039.

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED SENIOR CENTER

On a beautiful day in late fall, many people from Cambridge, including the Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Councillors, the Assistant City Manager for Human Services, and members of the Council on Aging Board and Staff, boarded a bus to visit the Methuen Senior Center. This was part of an exploratory venture to familiarize ourselves with model Senior Centers in other areas. The seniors of Methuen inspired us with their ability to work with the Methuen Council on Aging to ensure the success of programs offered in Methuen.

A resolution was passed unanimously by the City Council in early November urging the City Manager to expedite the process for establishing a new city-wide center in Cambridge by including the necessary funding for such a center in the FY'92 budget.



COA BOARD HONORS MEMBERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Cambridge Council on Aging held its Annual Meeting November 13. Officers elected unanimously for a second term were Virginia Rice Kahn, President; Kenneth Holmes, Vice President; Paul Cusick, Treasurer; and Kathryn Chaiban, Secretary.

Members completing their terms and rotating off the Board are Margaret Rose and Dorothy Cyr. The Board honored them by presenting marble paperweights engraved with their names and terms of service on the Board.

"We're really going to miss Mardi and Dorothy. They have made such an important contribution to the lives of Cambridge elders through their work on the Board. We wish them the very best of luck in their new endeavors," said Virginia Kahn, President of the Board.

During the Annual Meeting, the Board and Staff of the COA reviewed the past year's accomplishments and made plans for a future retreat together to set short-term and long-term goals for the agency. During the retreat, Board and staff will study the results of the COA's recent phone survey of seniors in Cambridge and begin planning for future services to be offered to seniors.

Kathie Filsinger, Executive Director of the COA expressed her thanks to all Board members who have worked so hard in the past year on the Board. Much has been accomplished including the beginning of the development of a non-profit corporation - "Friends of the Council on Aging" - for future fundraising and beginning plans for a new citywide multiservice senior center.

Special thanks to all other members of the COA Board for their commitment and good works this year: Patricia Watts, Execu-



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Councillor Toomey resolutions on the
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