

Barnstable Newcomers Club September 17, 2014

The first meeting was held at the Barnstable Senior Center. President Tom Broderick reported that it is the 35th year of the club. About 60 people enjoyed Social time between 7:00 and 7:30 pm with refreshments provided by the executive committee.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and voted on to accept the May 20, 2014 minutes. They are available on the club website (www.barnstablnewcomers.com).

Guests and New Members: There were nine new participants who introduced themselves to the group. Rosemary and Joe Mooney filled in for membership chairwoman Mary Jane Melia.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Mohan reported there were 185 members. There was a balance of \$2, 92 as of May 1. After three expenditures, the balance is \$1,908. Membership dues are \$15 and now payable to Barnstable Newcomers Club. Membership form is on the website (www.barnstablnewcomers.com) and may be printed from CLUB INFORMATION tab at the top and then MEMBERSHIP FORM from the drop down menu. Please pay before or at the next meeting, October 15, 2014.

Past President Jack Strudwick filed the IRS tax form 990 to maintain tax exempt status.

Jack was presented with a past president name tag.

New Business: October 15 meeting will feature Madeline Noonan, director of Barnstable Senior Center, as guest speaker.

Other information of interest: Judy Redd of the Senior Center informed us of two upcoming events. The senior center has partnered with the UMASS Boston Gerontology Institute to conduct a needs assessment for the future of aging services. Help plan our senior center's future. The **COMMUNITY FORUM** where you can lend your voice is October 7 at 2:00 pm and also 5:30 pm. Your input is requested. More information on page 7 of the Fall edition *Senior Compass* or at [Official Website of The Town of Barnstable - Home Page](http://www.officialwebsiteofthetownofbarnstable.com) or the senior center at [508 862-4750](tel:5088624750).

Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging is holding a fundraiser to support the Barnstable Senior Center's Outreach Department. They provide services to home bound and isolated seniors in the community. **MASQUERADE COSTUME BALL** to be held October 24 at Alberto's Ristorante in Hyannis. \$50, \$35 for seniors. 6:00 pm. Tickets and further information at Barnstable Senior Center. See page 6 of Fall edition *Senior Compass*.

Dine Out is scheduled for January 28, 2015 at Alberto's.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.

Derek Lawson, Barnstable Harbormaster, presented some information about his job. Some of the highlights: Barnstable has 2500 permitted moorings, 4 marinas, 200 channel markers and signs, and 3 year round harbormasters. (Twenty additional staff collected 58 gallons of trash over the summer among other duties) Several members asked interesting questions concerning safety, water rights to water, and walking on private beaches when low tide. Maps of ways to water and boating laws are available at Phinney's Lane headquarters if you did not get those at the meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8:30 pm