

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
January 10, 2006

In Attendance: Brian Macleod, Al Ouimet, Ruth Haley, Shirley Gouvan, Virginia Schneider, John Shay, Mary Malinski, Rebecca Moriarty

Absent: Rita Vail, Pat Clark

Brian called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

A Welcome to Mary Malinski

The **Secretary's report** was reviewed and accepted with one revision

The GSSS meeting was held in November, John Shea and Rita Vail attended.

The **Treasurer's report** was reviewed and accepted, it was noted that \$27.50 was spent for the security monitoring for the building.

There was an article in the local paper commenting on monies that may be coming from the state to help us with this fiscal year. Brian Lees has been applying for funds. We do not know how much if any of this will meet final approval. It is also notable that this would probably only pertain to this year- ongoing funds would still need to be committed for future years.

Arlene's position on the COA will be held until spring, we will approach her then about returning to her position with us.

The **Tax Seminar**, held January 6, 2006 at 1pm in the Town house, was very well attended and said to have been very informative for many of our townspeople.

Electrical heat tape or snow raking needs to be done on the back roof at the Senior Center to prevent ice build-up and damage. Rita will present this to the Friends. Also, wonder about the town making sure that this is done to maintain the building.

The **phone system** issues have been resolved. Now our residents can access the COA directly.

Becky is working on the Town Report.

There was discussion on how to increase volunteer help available to our Seniors. It was identified that school groups, church organizations and individuals would be excellent resources to tap into. Susan will work at accessing these organizations. Ruth will work on creating a name and work to enhance the sign-up process. To make townspeople aware of this she will bring information to the Library Swap, Bill Olmstead's newsletter, local business, etc. Susan and Becky will maintain and utilize the list for needy Seniors.

It was expressed that there are individuals who go out of their way to help the Seniors in our town and that it would be nice to begin acknowledging them. We will start by mentioning Joe Lawrence to Bill Olmstead to see if a note can be made in the newsletter next month- Joe has been there to help with every Brown Bag Tuesday that we have had.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am. Our **next meeting** will be Tuesday February 14, 2006 at 8:30 am. in the COA office at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted.

Ruth Haley, Secretary