

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
February 14, 2006

In Attendance: Brian Macleod, Al Ouimet, Ruth Haley, Virginia Schneider, John Shay, Mary Malinski, Rebecca Moriarty, Rita Vail, Pat Clark

Absent: Shirley Gouvan

Attending: Bill Olmstead

Brian called the meeting to order at 8:35 am

The **Secretary's report** was reviewed and accepted.

The **Treasurer's report** was reviewed and accepted, it was noted that the town may have to transfer monies in for the building maintenance.

Director's report was presented by Rebecca-

The advisory meetings have mostly been addressing our "defending" the budget- there is no word on the monies yet for the opening/maintaining of the Center

The Outreach grant is coming due, Becky is writing this and is asking for an increase in the amount allotted for Sue Lamondia's salary and hours

Becky's salary money will last until 6/06.- This is funded by EOE

Becky is now working 6 hours on Tuesdays

AARP tax preparation is provided for seniors every other Thursday.

There was discussion regarding 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 is now giving her time and energies to do this. There was discussion of the cost (\$2,500) to install the heat wires and electrical box. Rita will look at other quotes and then approach the Friends about having this done. The Selectman must also approve any electrical work, as it is a town building

Hands Around Hampden was the final name for the program to help us increase the amount of volunteers to our assist in meeting the needs of our Seniors. Susan has accessed the Key Club at Minnechaug, they have expressed an interest in the program. Ruth attended the Library Swap to begin making people aware of the program- there was a small amount of interest. She will also approach the Boy Scout troops in town. No article was in the Hampden/Wilbraham News- Ruth will again approach Charlie Bennet about this. A CORI check must be run on any volunteers before they are utilized- Mary will work with Becky on an application that can be filled out by those interested.

Charlie Bennet expressed that the Times would like to spotlight individuals who contribute to the town. Becky will get in touch with him and start by mentioning Joe Lawrence. He has been there to help with every Brown Bag Tuesday that we have had.

Bill Olmstead has mentioned the cost of providing the Moving Ahead newsletter- Monson Savings has helped fund this and Brian volunteered his church to sponsor 1 months' printing.

Regarding the extra funding that Brian Lees' office is working for there is no definite word yet. Becky has been and will continue to be in contact with their office.

With the ultimate hope that the building will be reopened this year we need to again look at the building usage policy. The 120-day commitment to the state still needs to be completed as well.

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

Respectfully submitted. Ruth Haley, Secretary