

## Council on Aging meeting June 20, 2006

**Attendance:** Brian MacLeod, Virginia Schneider, John Shay, Rita Vail, Pat Clark, Mary Malinski, Rebecca Moriarty

**Absent:** Shirley Gouvan, Al Ouimet

Brian called **Meeting to Order @ 8.35 a.m.**

**Secretary's Report of May 9, 2006:**

1. Grant request for the Outreach Program postponed until August 15, 2006.
2. Report accepted.

**Treasury Report dated June 9, 2006:**

1. Reviewed and accepted.

**Senior Center Hours of Operation:** presented. Opening Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Re-opening "Ceremony" will be Thursday, July 13, 2006.

**COA Meeting Schedule:** Will not meet in July, next scheduled meeting at the Hampden Senior Center August 8 @ 8:30 a.m.

**Interviews for over 60 position for COA:** three parties applied for position; Kathleen Flynn, Deanna Vermette and Carol Siano. Candidates interviewed, council voted to elect Deanna Vermette. Notices of sincere thanks to all those who offered to volunteer for the committee to be sent by Brian MacLeod.

**Under 60 position for COA:** Becky will post for position in Hampden Times.

**Activities Coordinator Position:** One response from ad. Becky will resubmit ad.

**Scribe:** Scribe will be sent to Hampden Residents, Out of Town recipients limited to "Paid Subscribers" only. John Shay noted Lions Club meeting next week, and will vote to continue to provide paper for Scribe.

**Noteworthy volunteer:** Rudie prepared floors for Senior Center opening and has been compensated by the "Friends". Praise all around for Rudie.

**Cori Certification:** Becky recd re-certification, and has run all new volunteer applications without incident.

**State Grant Money:** Notice of approval at state level of supplemental funding from the State of Massachusetts for the Senior Center in the amount of \$100,000.

**Friends Contributions:** Rita lauded the positive contributions the "Friends" have made behind the scenes to assist in securing the State Grant monies.

**Fundraising:** Discussion regarding fundraising possibilities and legal aspects of same. Background work of legalities under way. Tabled for future discussion.

**Building Policy:** Mary to complete preliminary policy draft and send to members for review and discussion at next meeting.

**Senior Center Programs:** Issues regarding re-opening are many and are being handled by Becky. Just to name a few:

Helena (Mon & Tues/ 10 hrs) and Sue (Tues & Wed/10-2 pm and misc hours) returning.  
New Senior Aid – Becky is training on computer.

Activities schedule is light, Becky making contacts and setting up persons to run activities, re-initiating maintenance contracts (cleaning products, water, dumpster, telephones etc.) filling vacancies for computer training and senior center personnel, acting as Activities Coordinator until position is filled, all while completing her usual duties, and she is still smiling.

Respectfully submitted, mmalinski/secretary