

Council on Aging Meeting
January 9, 2007

Attendance: Karen Leger, Deanna Vermette, Pat Clark, Shirley Gouvan, John Shay, Brian MacLeod, Rita Vail, Becky Moriarty

Guest: Bill Olmstead

Brian called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Secretary's report: The minutes of December 12, 2006 were accepted with the following amendment: "Virginia Schneider also attended the Greenfield Senior Center meeting."

Treasurer's report: Reviewed. Building Maintenance may need a transfer. Accepted.

Director's report: Presented by Becky. Accepted.

Regarding the \$100,000 grant from the state's supplemental budget: it appears it is back on track and being awarded to Hampden for the Senior Center. Individual COA board members still requested a telephone contact number in order to petition the governor's office to assure this grant.

In FY2008 budget, there is an adjustment to the director's salary because FY2007 was incorrectly voted. This will attempt to be corrected at a special town meeting or transfer from other account.

New ideas were presented for "beefing up" Senior Center programs and publicity. It was agreed that a new format for the SCRIBE, possibly even a new name for the publication, is a good idea. Other ideas that surfaced include: a walking club, bingo, reinstate the monthly birthday celebration at lunch, "bring a friend day". Possibly Emmett Schmarsow could be asked to come and give a presentation.

Becky stated that health and wellness programs are the most popular.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 @ 8:30 AM.

The meeting closed at 9:55

Respectfully submitted for the Secretary,

Rita Vail