

COUNCIL on AGING MEETING
November 13, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Becky Moriarty, Brian MacLeod, Patricia Clark, Kathy Foster, Karen Ledger, Rita Vail, John Shea, Deanna Vermette
ABSENT: Al Ouimet, Virginia Schneider, Shirley Gouvan
GUEST: Bill Olmstead and Selectman Vinnie Villamaino

Pat called the meeting to order @ 8:35

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Accepted as read by Becky
TREASURERS REPORT: Reviewed and accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

The budget for Elder Services has been cut state wide and there will be less formula grant money. Becky spoke to Selectman Rick Green and he said he does not expect any cuts for this fiscal year.

Pat inquired as to the progress of the marketing committee. Kathy said due to a new job she cannot be on the committee at this time. Karen volunteered to fill the position. Bill Olmstead agreed to head the committee and will set up a time for a meeting with Becky and Barbara.

The changes to the By-law's were discussed and some items were voted on.

Brian suggested that we change the age mix on the Council to 5-7 members over 60 and 2-4 members under 60. Becky is going to check on the laws concerning this and for now we will table this item.

Article IV-E Change the wording to "second or more tems" instead of "term". Vote was unanimous

Article IV-F has been deleted from the By-law; the members voted 5 to delete and 1 vote abstained

The last paragraph in Article IV was already mentioned in C and it was voted unanimously to delete it from the By-law.

**ARTICLE VI SECTION 7- Attendance: change the wording as follows:
"will be recommended" to "may be recommended." Voted and passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE VII – SECTION 1-D voted unanimously to delete this entry.
SECTION 5-B voted unanimously to delete this entry.

NEW BUSINESS:

Helena will be retiring and Becky is in the process of advertising her position. Helena will stay a reasonable amount of time until her position is filled.

An idea was presented that Pat Clark sent a letter to Crissy Ceson, president of the Friends, to ask if they would sponsor a Senior Center Open House in the Spring. Not only to show our beautiful building but to exhibit the many crafts, paintings etc. that are created here.

Becky announced that due to a lack of funding we no longer have our resource police officer.

Kathy would like to see more guests attend our Council meetings and also the possibility of having associate members of the COA. The associate membership could be a stepping stone to becoming a full member.

Pat asked to have absent members names added to the minutes of the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 9, 2008

Respectfully submitted:
Deanna Vermette, Secretary
Council on Aging Hampden Senior Center