

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

June 9, 2009

In attendance: Virginia Schneider, Brian MacLeod, John Shay, Al Ouimet, Pat Clark, Karen Leger, Rita Vail, Becky Moriarty

Absent: Shirley Gouvan, Kathy Foster, Deanna Vermette

Pat Clark called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Minutes of May 19th were accepted with the following corrections: 1) there is no "d" in Karen Leger's name, 2) add that officers were voted per the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, 3) in the 4th paragraph delete "and serve as Assistant Director."

Treasurer's report: accepted

Director's report: accepted as read by Becky.

On July 1st the new by-laws will take effect and there will be the potential to add members to the COA board, 2 over 60 years of age and 1 under 60. Presently we have 5 over 60 and 3 under 60.

INTERVIEWS:

Bill Olmstead stated that he would like to bring a more diverse and constructive character to the group, have the COA less passive, stated the COA should establish board objectives each year, and he would like a voice on the board.

Kathleen Flynn said she has experience with people, the town and the Senior Center. She stated that she is very concerned with the "seasoned" community and would like to see more programs (educational, etc.).

Andree Crowley said the Senior Center has done so much for her and she would like to give back. She hopes we can get more people to the center and believes it is for everybody, even the youth. Said the board has done a great job and she'd like to be a part of it.

On June 16th the board will meet at 8:30 AM to interview Aline Burt and Ray Crowley who could not meet today but are interested in being COA board members.

OUTREACH—Sue LaMondia has given notice for leaving her job. She will train a new person. Becky hopes to hire before the end of the month and has placed an ad in the Hampden/Wilbraham Times and in the Reminder. Becky and Sue will be doing the interviews.

Becky gave an update of her leave of absence passing out a letter that she submitted to the Selectmen and a page of responsibilities which Susan Nieske will be taking over.

The Farmer's Market has space available if we wish to have a table to present info about the COA and the Senior Center, much like we did at the Big H last year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted for the Secretary,

Rita Vail