

## COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING: Minutes

January 11, 2011

In attendance: Brian MacLeod, Pat Clark , RitaVail,, John Shay, Ray Crowley, , Al Ouimet, Deanna Vermette, Becky Moriarty, Marq Culhane, Kathy Foster, Karen Leger

Guests: Vincent Villamaino, John Flynn, Rick Green

Brian called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Secretary's report of December 14, 2010 was accepted.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Director's report was accepted.

For the budget review, Rita explained the results of the subcommittee meeting with a spreadsheet of anticipated expenses that will be given to the Advisory Board along with the budget. Becky passed out the proposed 2012 budget. It contains 3 additional hours for the Director (so the Senior Center might extend its open time by 5 hrs/week starting at 9 AM every day), a 6% increase in Utilities, and increases in Blding Mtn and Expenses as explained in the footnotes. The COA meeting with the Advisory Board is Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:20 PM. Traditionally we have been well represented at this meeting.

For Outreach, Becky and Wendy are working on a Health Fair for the fall. The Outreach worker is very busy simply maintaining her regular work. She schedules some of the speakers' forums to coincide with the needs that she sees.

Becky has taken on the duties of the Activities Coordinator until a new person is found.

Becky would like to be re-certified as a SHINE counselor. Classes are twice a week (Tues. and Thurs.) in March and she would be away from the building those days. Discussion ensued regarding the good (for our seniors) of having Becky up to date on insurance needs. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to have Becky take on this task. Rita agreed to help cover hours on Thursdays.

There was no GSSSI meeting in Dec. John simply emphasized that Elder Affairs keeps saying that the budget is down.

The Selectmen reiterated the comments of Rick Green at the last meeting regarding their letter to us. It seems we did not come to a resolve as to who will do evaluations.

Pat expressed these thoughts. 1. We should think toward the future: as baby boomers come to the Senior Center, the needs will be different, 2. Hampden had wanted to host COA Training Session? Becky said they know we want to but they haven't gotten back to us yet. Rick said he will mention this at the upcoming Regional Selectmen's meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted, (D. Vermette helped with the last 5 minutes of these Minutes)

Rita Vail, Secretary