

## COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING: Minutes

February 8, 2011

In attendance: Brian MacLeod, Pat Clark , Rita Vail, John Shay, Ray Crowley, Becky Moriarty, Marq Culhane, Kathy Foster.

Absent: Al Ouimet (e), Deanna Vermette (e)

Guests: Rick Green

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

Secretary's report of January 11, 2011 was accepted with the following additions

1. We are sorry for our loss of Virginia Schneider.
2. Mentioned at the previous meeting was a need for a new member on the board.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Director's report was accepted. (Because of the implementation of the new Food Pantry, there are at least two more families in the brown bag program.)

Brian submitted an amendment to the COA By-laws as follows:

In Article 4, for clarification, in lieu of "a term shall consist of 3 years" insert "**The Board's term of office shall consist of three years. Each member will remain in the age bracket (over/under 60) that they were in at the time of their 3-year appointment.**" A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept this amendment.

The recap of Monday night's meeting with Selectmen and Advisory Board: the Selectmen once again reviewed the COA budget. The Advisory Board questioned the 3 hour increase of Director's. They appeared supportive but didn't commit directly. We will wait and see. Rick reiterated Doug Boyd's statement that seniors are 20% of Hampden's population and less than 1% of the budget.

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.

Discussion ensued regarding water damage due to leaks, particularly in the back closet and through the hood of the stove.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Vail, Secretary