

The Easton Council on Aging met on Thursday, September 20, 2007 in the Mary Connolly Room, 2nd floor, Town Offices, 136 Elm Street, North Easton. Vice-chairman Nicolina Previti called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

Members present: David Cudmore, Marie Healey, Rose Friedeborn, Ethel Pomerleau, Nicolina Previti.
Members Excused: Frank Spillane & Carl (Ted) Palm, **Also present:** Dolores Kent, Director and David Colton, Town Administrator.

Business:

Mrs. Kent asked the members if they would move the agenda item, **Special Town Meeting, November 5, 2007; Frothingham Hall Multi-purpose Community Center**, forward for discussion. So moved, Mrs. Previti, second by Mrs. Pomerleau, Vote: All in favor. Mrs. Kent introduced David Colton, Town Administrator. Mr. Colton told the members of the plan for the town to purchase Frothingham Hall on Barrows Street, North Easton, for use as a multi-purpose community center. He discussed funding for the project and the time-table for completion. The Selectmen will vote on Monday, September 24, 2007 to put this on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 5, 2007.

After many questions and discussion, motion by Mr. Cudmore, second by Mrs. Previti, for the Council on Aging to support the plan of the multi-purpose community center that will house both the Council on Aging and Recreation Department offices and program space. Motion by Mrs. Friedeborn, second by Mr. Cudmore to have two of our shuttle vans, with paid drivers, available to transport elders, free of charge, to/from the special town meeting on November 5, 2007.

Minutes: The members reviewed the minutes of the previous month's meeting. Motion by Mrs. Previti, second by Mr. Cudmore, to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2007 meeting as presented. Vote: 4 in favor. 0 opposed. 1 abstention.

Monthly Reports:

Finance Report: Mrs. Kent distributed the FY 2008 year to date finance report, which the members reviewed and accepted as follows.

July 1, 2007 - September 17, 2007		Balance	Balances 9/17/07
COA Budget, payroll:	01-531-01	143,173.01	} \$155,039.21
COA Budget, expenses:	01-531-02	11,866.20	
State COA Grants:	18-3507	0.00	\$0.00
COA Gift & Donations:	24-3508	12,920.05	} \$18,149.31
Stonehill Gift Account:	24-3509	3,914.77	
COA Misc Gifts:	24-3515	1,314.49	
COA Senior Center:	24-3517	15,995.60	\$15,995.60
COA Travel Account:	20-3800	93.93	} \$2,093.93
COA Checking Account:	20-3999	2,000.00	

Monthly Reports:

Programs: Mrs. Kent reviewed the programs listed in the September newsletter. Exercise Class and Tai Chi class have resumed and Line Dancing continued during September. The birthday lunch, craft class, and the monthly movie will be held in September.

Outreach: Our Outreach Coordinator, Marilyn Lauricella, will be joined by Beverly Beavers who will start work on September 24th as a second Outreach Coordinator. Mrs. Beavers will work Monday through Friday mornings while Mrs. Lauricella will continue working Monday through Thursday afternoons and Monday evening. They will both visit seniors at home and investigate new programs to bring seniors together at the Elise Circle or Parker Terrace centers.

Volunteer: Additional volunteers are still needed to deliver meals on wheels on an occasional basis.

Senior Center: Mrs. Kent reiterated the need for seniors to attend the special town meeting on November 5th to show support for the town's plan to utilize Frothingham Hall as the senior center for the town as there has been no tangible progress in a privately funded senior center.

Business:

Other: Mrs. Kent reported that the State Formula Grant amount has been increased by \$562 and she recommended that these funds be used to pay additional hours for our part-time drivers to take elders to/from medical appointments. To obtain these additional funds, a grant application, signed by the COA director, the COA chairman and the chair of the Board of Selectmen would have to be submitted to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Motion by Mrs. Friedeborn, second by Mr. Cudmore, to submit the grant application for the additional funds to be used as recommended and to authorize Mr. Spillane to sign the application on behalf of the Council. So voted.

Adjournment. Motion by Mrs. Healey to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am. Second by Mrs. Pomerleau. So voted. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 am in the Mary Connolly meeting room, 2nd floor, Easton Town Offices on Thursday, October 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Pomerleau, Secretary