



COUNCIL ON AGING

136 ELM STREET

EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02356

COA Meeting Minutes December 18, 2008

The Easton Council on Aging met on Thursday, December 18, 2008 in the Mary Connolly Room, 2nd floor, Town Offices, 136 Elm Street, North Easton. Chairman Frank Spillane called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.


Present: Chairman Frank Spillane, Vice-chairwoman Nicolina Previti, Secretary Ethel Pomerleau, and members David Cudmore, Rose Friedeborn, Marie Healey, and Jean Shearing. **Also present:** Dolores Kent, Director.

Minutes: The members reviewed the minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting. Motion by Mrs. Previti, second by Mrs. Shearing, to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting as presented. Vote: 6 in favor with 1 abstention.

Monthly Reports:

Finance Report: Mrs. Kent presented the following finance report:

July 1, 2008 - December 16, 2008		Balance	Balances 12/16/08
COA Budget, payroll:	01-531-01	99,689.89	} \$105,973.62
COA Budget, expenses:	01-531-02	6,283.73	
State COA Grants:	18-3507	9,462.96	\$9,462.96
COA Gift & Donations:	24-3508	1,599.87	} \$3,873.45
Stonehill Gift Account:	24-3509	1,249.17	
COA Misc Gifts:	24-3515	1,024.41	
COA Senior Center:	24-3517	14,454.60	\$14,454.60
COA Travel Account:	20-3800	898.41	} \$2,898.41
COA Checking Account:	20-3999	2,000.00	


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Programs: Mrs. Kent reviewed current programs and those planned for January.

Outreach: Mrs. Beavers continued outreach efforts by sending COA program information packets to residents turning age 65 during the month.

Volunteer: Maintaining a full roster of meals on wheels volunteers remains a challenge and additional volunteers are needed to fill in the regular daily routes. Therefore, Mrs. Beavers is coordinating the deliveries using back-up volunteers and regular route drivers taking a second day on an occasional basis, as well as delivering a route herself when needed. She continued her efforts at strengthening the friendly visitor program.

Business:

COA office move: Mrs. Kent informed the board that Council on Aging office would be moving to the first floor at the end of January and would be located in right hand side of the current Assessors' Office until we were moved again to Frothingham Hall sometime this summer, after the Library vacates the building.

Town Hall office hours: Mrs. Kent reported that the Selectmen have not taken up the matter of changing the Town Hall office hours yet, so we will remain open 5 days a week until further notice.

Other: 1995 Dodge: Mrs. Kent reported that the 1995 Dodge van is no longer working and will not be repaired due to the spending controls imposed by the Town Administrator. We submitted a grant application to the Com. of Massachusetts, Department of Transportation through the Brockton Area Transit Authority in June 2007 for a 10 passenger van that would replace the 1995 Dodge but there has been no word on when that grant will be awarded. Therefore, we have only 3 vans currently available for daily use along with the 1994 Aerostar mini-van, which has limited use as it is not handicapped accessible. With the loss of the 4th van, we may have to deny ride requests if any of the remaining 3 vans are off the road for repairs.

Adjournment. Motion by Mrs. Previti, second by Mrs. Healey, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am.
Vote: All in favor.

The next Council on Aging meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2009 at 9:30 am in the Mary Connolly Room, 2nd floor, Easton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Pomerleau, Secretary