



TOWN OF EASTON  
**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
136 ELM STREET  
EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02356

Area Code 508  
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COA Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2009

The Easton Council on Aging met on Thursday, May 21, 2009 in the Mary Connolly Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Town Offices, 136 Elm Street, North Easton. Chairwoman, Frank Spillane called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

**Present:** Chariman 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 April 16, 2009 meeting. Motion by Mrs. Previti, second by Mrs. Pomerleau, to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting with one correction. Mrs. Shearing was present at the April meeting and Mrs. Friedeborn was absent. Vote: all in favor.

**Finance Report:** Mrs. Kent did not have the May finance report available for the meeting, but stated that there would be sufficient funds to complete the current fiscal year that ends June 30, 2009.

**Programs:** Mrs. Kent reviewed current programs and those planned for June including the Recreation Barbecue on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the TRIAD Senior Dinner Dance on June 11<sup>th</sup>, another Cooking for 1 Seminar at Southeast Rehab on June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Homestead Act Seminar on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the Getting More Out of Life Seminar on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Outreach:** Mrs. Beavers continued outreach efforts by sending COA program information packets to residents turning age 65 during the month. She will be coordinating the Aging Well in Place seminar on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Although the Men's Group has been suspended for the time being, she is still taking names of interested individuals and hopes to active the group in the fall. She has also been working on starting a Reading Group and a Walking Group.

**Volunteer:** Mrs. Kent reported that the Volunteer Recognition luncheon went well on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Business:**

**FY 2009 budget:** Mrs. Kent informed the board that our 2009 COA budget had been cut by \$2,000 as a part of the overall town budget reduction. This reduction came from the Outreach salary line item.

**FY 2010 budget:** Our 2010 budget has been reduced to \$211,045. This amount includes the 6 month wage freeze and health insurance concessions along with reductions to the office supply and gas/oil line items. Office supplies for the Town Offices have been consolidated and will be paid for from the Town Administrator's budget. The balance of funds for gas/oil will have to come from grants and donations or the service will have to be reduced accordingly.

**OCES Appointments:** Mrs. Kent reminded the board that they needed to name 2 individuals to serve as delegate and alternate to the Board of Directors of Old Colony Elderly Services. Motion by Mrs. Pomerleau to have Dolores Kent serve as delegate and Nicolina Previti serve as alternate to the Old Colony Elderly Services Board of Directors. Second by Mrs. Healey. Vote: all in favor.

**Move to Frothingham Hall:** Mrs. Kent reported that the COA move to Frothingham Hall will be delayed until late summer or the fall as renovations on the Library building on Main Street are not progressing as rapidly as hoped. Therefore, the Library will have to stay in the Frothingham Hall building after their lease expires on June 30, 2009. Also Mrs. Kent has been seeking furniture donations for the hall and picked up 8 stacking chairs from the State Lottery Commission to be used in the conference room.

**Other:**

There was no other business brought before the board.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Mr. Spilliane, second by Mrs. Pomerleau, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am.

Vote: All in favor.

The next Council on Aging meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 9:30 AM in the Mary Connolly Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Easton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Pomerleau, Secretary