



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

Area Code 508  
 230-0540

COA Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2008

The Easton Council on Aging met on Thursday, May 8, 2008 in the Mary Connolly Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Town Offices, 136 Elm Street, North Easton. Chairman Frank Spillane called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

**Present:** Chairman Frank Spillane, Vice-chairman Nicolina Previti and members, Marie Healey, and Ethel Pomerleau. **Member Excused:** David Cudmore, Rose Friedeborn, Carl (Ted) Palm. **Also present:** Dolores Kent, Director.

**Minutes:** The members reviewed the minutes of the previous month's meeting. Motion by Mr. Spillane, second by Mrs. Previti, to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting as presented. Vote: all in favor

**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 - May 1, 2008		Balance	Balances 5/1/08
COA Budget, payroll:	01-531-01	35,533.68	} <b>\$33,644.72</b>
COA Budget, expenses:	01-531-02	-1,888.96	
State COA Grants:	18-3507	952.65	<b>\$952.65</b>
COA Gift & Donations:	24-3508	16,149.88	} <b>\$17,861.00</b>
Stonehill Gift Account:	24-3509	261.13	
COA Misc Gifts:	24-3515	1,449.99	
COA Senior Center:	24-3517	14,454.60	<b>\$14,454.60</b>
OA Travel Account:	20-3800	344.06	} <b>\$2,344.06</b>
COA Checking Account:	20-3999	2,000.00	

**Programs:** Mrs. Kent reviewed current programs and those planned for June and July.

**Outreach:** Both Mrs. Lauricella and Mrs. Beavers coordinated programs at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle, and made home visits as needed. Mrs. Lauricella sent birthday cards to residents age 80 and over, while Mrs. Beavers sent COA informational packets to residents turning age 65 during the month.

**Volunteer:** Additional volunteers are being recruited to deliver meals on wheels on an occasional basis. The volunteer recognition luncheon is being planned for Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Invitations have been sent out to 97 volunteers and 18 guests. Mrs. Kent anticipates that 50 people will attend the luncheon. Chris Waters is scheduled to entertain the volunteers and guests. Funding for the luncheon and in-service training has been provided by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs Formula Grant.

**Business:**

**COA member terms that expire 6/30/08;** Mrs. Kent reminded Mr. Spillane and Mr. Cudmore that their terms on the COA board expire on 6/30/08 and they needed to submit the volunteer application to the Board of Selectmen by 5/31/08 in order to be considered for re-appointment. She will call Mr. Palm with the same information, as Mr. Palm's term also expires on 6/30/08.

**Transportation update:** Because of the increased cost of gasoline and diesel fuel, Mrs. Kent recommended an increase in the requested donation for the discount ride cards effective 7/1/08 as follows: Increase from \$12 to \$15 for one ride card that would provide 6 round trip rides in Easton or 4 round trip rides out of town, but within our service district, i.e. Brockton, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, Avon, Raynham, Norton, & Mansfield. Increase from \$20 to \$25 for 2 ride cards purchased at the same time. She recommended honoring current ride cards until they are used up. Also the single ride requested donation would remain at \$4 for each round trip ride in Easton and \$6 for each round trip ride out of town, but within the service district listed above. Motion by Mr. Spillane, second by Mrs. Healey, to increase the requested donation as recommended above. Vote: all in favor.

Extended transportation hours as discussed at the May meeting are on hold until the use of current transit assessment funds is resolved.

**Other:**

**Change of the June meeting date:** Mrs. Kent requested that the June meeting be held on the 4th Thursday of the month (on June 26th) instead of the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday as she will be out of town on June 19th. Motion by Mrs. Healey, second by Mrs. Pomerleau, to hold the next meeting at 9:30 am on Thursday, May 8, 2008. Vote: all in favor.

**Town wide mailing of the July 2008 newsletter:** After a lengthy discussion of the cost of mailing out the July 2008 and the depletion of COA budget funds, motion by Mrs. Healey, second by Mrs. Previti, to forgo the town wide mailing of the July 2008 newsletter to all residences (approximately 1900) with an elder age 65 or older. Vote, all in favor. The July newsletter will still be mailed to those individuals who have requested the newsletter be mailed to them on a monthly basis, (approximately 400 households).

**Adjournment.** Motion by Mrs. Previti to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am. Second by Mr. Cudmore. So voted. *(After checking room availability, the time and location had to be changed to 10:00 am in the Selectmen's Office, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Easton Town Offices on Thursday, June 26, 2008.)*

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Pomerleau, Secretary