



TOWN OF EASTON

Area Code 508
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COUNCIL ON AGING

136 ELM STREET

EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02356

COA Meeting Minutes February 14, 2008

The Easton Council on Aging met on Thursday, February 14, 2008 in the Mary Connolly Room, 2nd floor, Town Offices, 136 Elm Street, North Easton. Vice-Chairman Nicolina Previti called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

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

Minutes: The members reviewed the minutes of the previous month's meeting. Motion by Mrs. Friedeborn, second by Mrs. Healey, to accept the minutes of the January 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 - February 6, 2008		Balance	Balances 2/6/08
COA Budget, payroll:	01-531-01	75,822.71	} \$71,938.18
COA Budget, expenses:	01-531-02	-3,884.53	
State COA Grants:	18-3507	0.00	\$0.00
COA Gift & Donations:	24-3508	6,422.55	} \$9,527.11
Stonehill Gift Account:	24-3509	2,030.07	
COA Misc Gifts:	24-3515	1074.49	
COA Senior Center:	24-3517	16,045.6	\$16,045.60
OA Travel Account:	20-3800	344.06	} \$2,344.06
COA Checking Account:	20-3999	2,000.00	

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Monthly Reports:

Programs: Mrs. Kent asked the members to review the articles in the draft of the March newsletter and pointed out that certain dates and details of some upcoming programs were still being finalized.

Outreach: Both Mrs. Lauricella and Mrs. Beavers helped elderly and disabled residents complete applications for fuel assistance to help pay winter heating bills and made home visits as needed.

Volunteer: Additional volunteers are being recruited to deliver meals on wheels on an occasional basis and fill in during the winter months.

Business:

COA name change consideration: Mrs. Kent recommended that discussion of this item be postponed to a meeting with the full board in attendance. Motion by Mrs. Healey, second by Mrs. Previti to postpone the discussion of changing the name of the Council on Aging to a future meeting. Vote: All in favor.

FY 2009 Municipal COA Budget revision:

Mrs. Kent presented the Town Administrator's budget recommendation for the Council on Aging which is \$7,365 less than the Council on Aging's request. The largest reduction in the operating expense line items is in gas & oil for our shuttle vehicles. An estimated \$11,000 will be needed for FY 09 and the Town Administrator's recommendation is \$ 6, 435. Mrs. Kent pointed out that this would be a deficit of \$4,565 that would need to be made up from passenger donations.

Other: Queset Commons: Douglas King and his assistant, Natasha Hamdam, distributed written information about Mr. King's proposed development called Queset Commons that will require a zoning change at a future town meeting. The COA members and Mrs. Kent had lots of questions for Mr. King regarding Chapter 40 R, Smart Growth Zoning and the proposed buildings that would make up Queset Commons. Mr. King offered to sponsor a luncheon for seniors in the community in early April at Queset on the Pond to present information on the proposed development. Mrs. Kent and Ms. Hamdam will coordinate the details and Mrs. Kent will include an article in the COA April newsletter under the Queset news section.

Adjournment. Motion by Mrs. Previti to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am. Second by Mrs. Friedeborn. 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, March 20, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



Ethel Pomerleau, Secretary