

## Minutes from the Groton Council on Aging Board Meeting March 7, 2016

**Members Present:** Maydelle Gamester, Marie Melican, Gail Chalmers, George Faircloth, Charlotte Carkin, Vera Strickland, Ed Wenzell, Ellen Baxendale

**Staff Present:** Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard Jones, Kathy Santiago

**Selectman Liason:** Peter Cunningham

**COA Feasibility Building Oversight Committee:** Mark Haddad, Beverly Smith, Chief Donald Palma

**COA Strategic Planning Committee:** Norma Garvin

**Open Meeting:** Meeting called to order by Maydelle Gamester at 9:37 am

**Minutes:** February 2016 presented by Board Secretary, Gail Chalmers. Minutes were review correction was brought to our attention, thus correction initiated and a motion to accept was called by Maydelle Gamester , 2nd by Marie Melican. All unanimous approval accepted.

**Kathy Shelp:** Kathy Shelp presented a visual and verbal update regarding the COA's request for a feasibility study. Key points are, the Centers Core Beliefs, The Center's Mission and Vision, Facility Feasibility Study, Public Awareness.

**Treasurer's Report:** George Faircloth presented the COA February, 2016 Expense Summary's was reviewed by the board and Director Shelp. Motion to Accept was called by Gail Chalmers, 2nd by Vera Strickland. All unanimous approval accepted.

**Stacey Shepard-Jones- Outreach Coordinator**

I have completed the 2016 Emergency Preparedness List. There are 300+ residents on the list. Now I am working on inputting them into My Senior Center.

I am working with Tom Hartnett (Trust Funds) to help a husband in wife in Groton that are having financial difficulty.

The Additional Fuel Assistance Fund has a balance of \$26,151.68. We have had one request for additional fuel assistance, but I'm still waiting for the paperwork verifying that their allotted benefits through CTI have been used.

**Kathy Santiago-Activities/Volunteer Coordinator**

Monday Movies (no food)- packed 40+

Pizza & Flick -full

Women's club, Nashoba Tech Luncheon's -great attendance

Veterans Breakfast- great attendance 40+

Coloring-(new) today first day

Creative Creations (bird house)- Full class w/ waiting list

Police Academy- 4 men and 20+ women!

Taxes- added 2 days going well last one 24<sup>th</sup>

MOW- 3 new recipients

### Upcoming

NYC Trip is full, we now have a waiting list.

Garden Club starting back up

Line Dancing (new)

Jay Darrin Trip - A Little Bit of Ireland Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>

**Kathy Shelp: Director**

As a matter of information: the Town Manager presented three budgets to the Selectman. One of budget, which was originally presented in December, contains 5 additional hours for the Activities Coordinator position which had been requested. Another budget that was presented to the Selectman on February 29, referred to as a “carry over” budget, does not contain the requested increase. A third budget was also presented on 2/29 which is a zero growth budget. In this budget the position of Activities Coordinator will be cut entirely. This would directly impact the senior center and would force program/service cuts.

There was some discussion on the three proposals. The board will await any formal action until it is clear which budget will be put forward. Kathy will keep the board updated.

Motion to accept Directors/Outreach/Activities report by Marie Melican , 2nd by Vera Strickland, unanimous approval accepted.

Next Board of Directors meeting Monday, April 4, 2016 at 9:30

Motion to close the meeting 11:00 was made by Maydelle Gamester, 2nd by George Faircloth. All unanimous approval accepted.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gail M. Chalmers  
Secretary  
Groton Council of Aging  
March 7, 2016