

Minutes from the Council On Aging
Board Meeting
September 18, 2017

Members Present: Norma Garvin, Gail Chalmers,
Ellen Baxendale, Richard Marton, Jean Sheedy,
George Faircloth, Peter Cunningham, Helen Sienkiewicz

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Kathy Santiago

Others Present: Marlana Gilbert. School Committee Liason

Open Meeting: Gail Chalmers called the meeting
to order at 1:04 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 21 meeting
were presented by Helen Sienkiewicz. They were
reviewed and a motion to accept by Ellen
Baxendale and 2nd by Jean Sheedy.

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by George
Faircloth. Kathy Shelp explained any questionable
items. A motion to accept was made by
Norma Garvin and 2nd by Ellen Baxendale.

School Committee Report: Marlana Gilbert
spoke about school committee activities.
She explained the legal process, concerning
their budget, in going to Town Meeting.
There are some misconceptions that have
been published around town.

Director's Report: Kathy Shelp told us about
a "Trunk or Treat" gathering that will be
held on October 29, at the Florence Roach

parking lot from 2-4 p.m. She is looking for donations of candy and volunteers to help on that day.

Jeff Orringer and his family donated some items to the C.O.A. He is in need of folks to donate their time on October 14, at the soccer field.

There will be an Advocacy Committee developing after Town Meeting, October 23. Members to join the committee would be appreciated.

Kathy gave us copies of an audit that was done by the Town, on the Senior Center. She asked us to read it and comment on our ideas. We will discuss at our next meeting.

Building Update: Peter Cunningham explained the overview status of the building committee. Peter, George and John Amaral met with Russ Harris to somewhat clear the air, as to reporting in the Groton Herald. Scoping session with about ten architects was held. Peter reported that the work that was accomplished by the Feasibility Committee was very helpful. George Faircloth brought up the fact that there could be a rehab job as opposed to a tear down and rebuild.

Outreach Report: Kathy Shelp reported on a new outreach flyer that will be distributed soon.