

Council on Aging (COA) Meeting
September 14, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the COA was called to order at 3:40 pm in the COA room at the Town Hall. Members present were Gary Leonard, Chairperson, Jann Grutchfield, Nancy Catalini, Secretary, and Kathryn Becker, Outreach Coordinator. Alternate member present was Elsie Fredrickson.

There was no Secretary's Report available for the June meeting; it will be read at the next meeting in October.

In the Treasurer's absence, it was reported by Kathryn Becker that there is \$2,000.00 in the Town account, and that \$125.00 annual dues to Mass Council on Aging (MCOA) has been paid. The Formula Grant allocated to us from the State each year, based on the senior population in Ashby, comes to \$3700.00 this year. A second allocation, called the Service Incentive Grant, may or may not be given this year.

The Outreach Coordinator's Report was handed out to the members present. It is enclosed for your perusal. A brief discussion was held regarding Kathryn's job description. The selectmen had requested a copy of such as soon as their next meeting, hence the immediate discussion/exchange of ideas regarding a title change. It was voted to change Kathryn's title from "Outreach Coordinator" to "Director", as she has been doing this job for a while. The selectmen will be notified of this title and job description. Also, a letter with this updated information will be prepared for the next COA meeting on October 12th, reviewed and discussed, and forwarded to MCOA for their files.

Kathryn would like to attend annual MCOA Fall Conference in Falmouth, MA. It is to be held on October 6, 7, and 8, 2010. She offered to pay for her room, which will be \$345.00, about half of the expenses. The members voted to have her attend. We are fortunate that Kathryn is willing to do this, as it keeps us well informed of current practices and changes.

Old Business: The Open Meeting is being observed

New Business: The MART bus will be coming to Ashby five (5) days a week. Alan Pease will be spearheading requests. More information will follow. It was voted to move opening the meetings from 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm in order to accommodate members' schedules.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 3:30 pm at the Town Hall in the COA room.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy L. Catalini, Secretary for the COA

