

**Town of Uxbridge
36 South Main Street**

**Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Members present:

Faye McCloskey, Karen Albright, Joan Remillard, Marie Potter, Mary Pat Wickstrom, Donna Oncay, Marsha Petrillo, Director

Absent: Christopher Walkiewicz, Linda Roberts

Guest: Pete DiBattista, Uxbridge Elderly Connection

Call to Order: Mary Pat Wickstrom called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Minute Taker: Karen Albright, Secretary

Secretary's Report

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 was tabled for the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Marsha reviewed the FY2012 Budget that was proposed to the finance committee. The FY2012 department required budget is \$142,123.00. The budget received \$107,557.00. This budget is 1.31% lower than the FY2011 budget of \$108,989.00. The reduction represents \$1,432.00 budget change. Tri-Valley, Inc. elderly home care annual donation of \$1,432.00 will be eliminated. The Director surveyed the surrounding towns and found that the towns did not donate to the annual Tri-Valley, Inc. elderly home care request. In many of the cases the surrounding towns funded the elderly home care through the Friends Group. The Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Inc. will be apprised of this and asked if they wish to fund a dollar amount for elderly home care.

Director and Outreach Report

Herve Gazaille passed this month. Marsha attended his wake on March 7, 2011. Herve was a COA Board member for more than 20 years and a dedicated volunteer who improved the Senior Center by building closets, making repairs and quietly supporting and promoting the COA and Senior Center. We will miss Herve.

Work-Off Program

The COA Board learned about all the jobs in the town that the Work-Off program provides and saves the town money. This is a valuable program for both the resident and the town.

By-law change The Council on Aging wishes to reduce the number of members of the Board. The Board discussed the Warrant Article wording to read: Reduce the Council on Aging Board from eleven (11) to seven (7) members. Replace Chapter 7, Section A of the Town By-Laws to read: "There is hereby established a Council on Aging consisting of seven (7) citizens of this town, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms not to exceed four years for any member. Said terms shall be staggered so that not more than three appointments shall be made in any calendar year. Members can be reappointed for consecutive terms."

Charter change The Charter Review Committee met on March 7th to discuss the above changes. The Director was asked to attend the meeting to speak to any charter issues the COA and the Director may have.

The COA Board discussed the above.

Donna Oncay made a motion to amend the By-law per the above Warrant wording. Faye McCloskey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

March Activities at the Center

- March 3 – 6:30 pm St. Patrick's Day – "Celebrating Ireland" an all-Irish program featuring Marilyn Murphy Meardon storyteller who embraces the Irish history and culture in story and song. This program is sponsored by the Uxbridge Library and the Uxbridge Senior Center and partially funded by State Rep. Ryan Fattman, Rep. Kevin Kuros, Senator Richard T. Moore, the Uxbridge Library Trustees and the Uxbridge Elderly Connection.
- AARP Tax Preparation- every Friday
- Fallon Health Insurance presentation

- Yoga classes every Thursday at 3:30 pm
- MassMedLine Presentation-Learn about the Affordable Care Act and Health Care Reform-Monday, March 21
- Senator Richard T. Moore to present new American flag to senior. Wed. March 23
- Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 27
- Computer classes

New Business

Mary Meg Walsh, Outreach Coordinator will be attending a six (6) week S.H.I.N.E. training.

Report from Groups

Pete DiBattista was apprised of the Tri-Valley, Inc. need for the elderly home care. He will bring back the information to the Uxbridge Elderly Connection.

Golf Tournament- June 12th

Marie Potter volunteers for the Town of Uxbridge to beautify our town. The gardening at the Center in the front of the building is done every year and at no cost to the Town or to the Center. This year the soil needs to be change in the raised boxes and Marie is asking for a donation for the new soil, fertilizer and plants. The Uxbridge Elderly Connection will vote to donate up to \$500.00 for this volunteer project.

Motion made by Joan and seconded by Marie to close the meeting at 5:15 pm.
All in favor.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Albright