

**MINUTES OF THE GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
October 11, 2007**

Members present: William Drago, Chair, Marcella Benoit, Secretary, Shirley Antaya, Phyllis Brown, Doris Fowler, Barbara Gardner, Rev. Phil Goff, Winifred Paul

Members absent: William Cutler, Chet Jakubiak

Also present: Michelle Drumm, Senior Center Director
Roland Richard, FOGE President

Bills were signed by all members present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 P.M. by Chairman, William Drago.

Election of Officers – Rev. Phil Goff made a motion to nominate the following:

- William Drago, Chairman
- William Cutler, Vice-Chairman
- Marcella Benoit, Secretary

Shirley Antaya made a motion to second the nominations pending the acceptance of the nomination by William Cutler as Vice-Chairman, as he was not present. There was no discussion. It was unanimously voted to accept said nominations, again pending Mr. Cutler's acceptance. William Drago and Marcella Benoit accepted the nominations and were unanimously voted to the respective positions. Mr. Cutler's appointment was tabled to the November meeting.

The August minutes were read by Marcella Benoit. An amendment was made to correct the next meeting from October 11, 2007 to September 13, 2007 in the August minutes. Rev. Phil Goff made a motion to accept the August minutes as amended, seconded by Barbara Gardner. There was no further discussion. All in favor. So moved.

The September minutes were read by Marcella Benoit. A motion to accept as read was made by Winifred Paul, seconded by Phyllis Brown. There was no further discussion. All in favor. So moved.

Directors/Financial Report was reviewed by Michelle Drumm. A motion to accept as read was made by Shirley Antaya, seconded by Phyllis Brown. There was no discussion. All voted in favor. So moved.

The Formula Grant was discussed by Michelle Drumm. The amount given to Grafton Senior Center this year is \$14,053.00. COA members offered suggestions for expenditure. These were wages for Activity Director, Volunteer Recognition Night, funding volunteer drivers, exercise equipment, funding for Director and Outreach Worker to attend MCOA meetings. Rev. Phil Goff made a motion to submit the Formula Grant application of \$14,053.00, signed by William Drago, chairman of COA, as presented to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Seconded by Winifred Paul. There was no further discussion. All in favor. So moved.

Town Meeting will be on Monday, October 15, 2007 @7:30PM. William Drago requested all COA members attend and encourage other registered voters to attend.

Tax Write-Off Program – The Town Administrator wants a set of regulations in writing for this program. Rev. Phil Goff made the following motion.

1. Income eligibility raised to \$35,000.
2. Increase number of participants to 20.

3. Current wage is \$7.50 per hour.
4. Limit total hours worked to 100 hours per household.
5. Five years residency need not be a requirement.
6. The enrollment period is August, September and October. The program begins November 1.
7. Based on income as stated above, the workers may be placed by skill by the Town Administrator and Council on Aging Director.

Motion was made by Shirley Antaya to forward these above seven /recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for their approval, pending further review by the Council on Aging members at the November meeting. Phyllis Brown seconded this motion. There was no further discussion. All members present voted in favor of this motion. No one opposed. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

Digital Orchestra Concert – Marcella Benoit presented this program to the COA. It will be sponsored by the Grafton Senior Center and Grafton Organ Social Program. This is being planned for a Tuesday in April from 10:00-11:30AM. FOGE could be approached to sponsor this concert. Rev. Phil Goff made a motion to request FOGE for financial help with the concert. The amount is undetermined at this time. This motion was seconded by Winifred Paul. All members in favor. None opposed. So moved.

FOGE Update presented by Roland Richard.

- Birthday Tuesday – Roland Richard said he needs to know by 11:45AM on Birthday Tuesday, all those whose birthdays are that month. Since June, six seniors have enjoyed free lunch. As of this date, October has 5 seniors celebrating their birthday.
- The monthly FOGE supper is this evening at 5:15PM. The monthly FOGE meeting follows at 6:30PM

Motion to acknowledge FOGE report was made by Shirley Antaya, seconded by Winifred Paul. There was no further discussion. So moved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Gardner, seconded by Phyllis Brown. So moved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.

The next meeting will be November 8, 2007 at 1:00PM in the Craft Room of the Grafton Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella Benoit
Secretary