

**MINUTES OF THE GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING**  
**October 9, 2008**

Members present: William Drago, Chairman, Marcella Benoit, Secretary, Phyllis Brown, Doris Fowler, Barbara Gardner, Rev. Philip Goff, Winifred Paul

Members absent: William Cutler, Vice-Chairman, Chet Jakubiak

Also present: Shirley Antaya , Former Member  
Barbara Connelly, Senior Center Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Roland Richard, FOGE President

Also absent: Michelle Drumm, Senior Center Director

Bills signed by all members present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by William Drago, Chairman.

Shirley Antaya was presented a plaque in honor of her 32 years of service as a member of the Council on Aging. She was also presented a citation from the selectmen.

William Drago explained that Barbara Connelly was present today to answer questions and to take notes.

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept as written was made by Rev. Phil Goff, seconded by Winifred Paul. So moved.

Director's Report was read by William Drago, Chairman. He added that COA members who attended the Finance Committee meeting to discuss the additional \$8,730 needed to keep the senior van in operation for the remainder of the fiscal year, were well-received. The Finance Committee recommends the COA address the technical procedure in a different way by including the balance in the budget request. We thank the Finance Committee for its positive reaction. November 4, 2008 is Election Day. There will be no activities in the Senior Center that day in order to accommodate the expected crowd. A motion to accept the Director's Report was made by Rev. Phil Goff, seconded by Barbara Gardner. So moved.

Correspondence – Shirley Antaya said she had sent a letter of thanks to the COA for the recognition of her 32 years of service. She also told COA members she received a state citation from Senator Ed Augustus.

William Drago encouraged everyone to attend the semi-annual town meeting on Monday, October 20, 2008.

November 4, 2008 is Election Day. William Drago encouraged all COA members to give a lot of thought to Article 1. If it passes, there will be a very serious cut in funds.

FOGE report given by Roland Richard:

- At the last FOGE meeting, Michelle Drumm and Tony Merenda discussed the SMOC meeting. FOGE has prepaid for 1,500 gallons of oil. A new fund drive has been started.
- Monthly supper @5:15 PM tonight and meeting to follow @6:30 PM.
- There will be an organ concert Nov. 25, 2008 at 10:00 AM. An artist from Springfield, MA will be playing on the upgraded organ which was donated recently.

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A motion to acknowledge the FOGE report as made by Rev. Phil Goff, seconded by Phyllis Brown. So moved.

William Drago, Chairman, announced the craft group is donating a sphygmometer to the Grafton Senior Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doris Fowler, seconded by Winifred Paul. So moved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 @ 1:00 P.M. in the craft room of the Grafton Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella J. Benoit  
Secretary