

**Ashland Council On Aging
June 2, 2016**

Guests: Alexis Christopher, Guy Williams, Joanne Duffy, Kim Kotob, Sue Wells and Steve Mitchell

Board Members: Izzy Assencoa, Diane Hansen, Ed Brudz, Arthur Caya, Jim Zebrowski, Barbara Thoreson and Alice Smart

Absent: Carol Love

Meeting called to order at 10:05

Citizen Participation: Steve Mitchell spoke to the counsel regarding his conversation with Izzy. Steve would like to be the advocate for the seniors at the board of selectmen's meetings.

Issues and discussions: The pros and cons of having the previous monthly meeting minutes done in advance of the current monthly meeting was discussed. A decision was made to continue reading the previous month's minutes at each meeting.

Due to Jay's passing, it was decided not to replace him until the start of the new term, which is September.

Old Business: Jim and Ed attended the Open Meeting Laws meeting on May 23. Ed submitted a summary of meeting, a discussion was had on the topics presented.

New Business: Friends of the Council on Aging are looking for new members, questions were raised on how to attract younger members.

Outreach Report: The tour of Waterview Lodge has been scheduled for June 16, at 10 o'clock.

The Farmer's Market Coupons will be available from Bay Path. There are financial requirements in order to qualify for these coupons.

Sue discussed a new program starting at The Callahan Senior Center in Framingham. It is a program designed to match seniors with trained volunteers. This will allow them to partake in programs at the center. As a goal of hers, Susan would like to institute this program for Ashland's seniors in the coming year.

Directors Report: There have been heat and air conditioning issues in the kitchen. Bay Path has agreed to pay for a window unit which will be installed by the town.

There has been an increase of \$2,400 in grant money which will be used for the volunteer coordinator.

A motion to accept the Director's Report was made by Arthur and seconded by Barbara.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara and seconded by Jim.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hansen