

**Ashland Council On Aging
August 4, 2016**

Guests: Susan Wells, Alexis Christopher, Steve Mitchell, Kim Kotob, & Michael Herbert

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

Absent: Carol Love

Meeting called to order at 10:05

A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Ed, to accept the May minutes. The June minutes were read and motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Jim, to accept the June minutes.

Citizen Participation:

Steve Mitchell discussed the Stage II water ban, which was expanded to automatic sprinkler systems. A sewer moratorium has been implemented for single houses, no commercial. One exception is the Valentine Project. Doug Small has been appointed the new DPW Director. Michael Herbert has set up a "Coffee with the Town Manager" on 9/14 and 10/12.

Issues and discussions:

There have been many complaints on the Open Meeting Laws, but none have been substantiated. Steve and Michael discussed the purpose of the laws.

Old Business:

Council members whose terms had expired, have been re-appointed. A motion was made to submit Alexis Christopher's name to the Selectmen, this will fill the empty seat of the late Jay Winchenbach. A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Jim, to accept Ed for the Secretary position. A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Ed, to accept Jim as the new Vice-chair. Jim has been accepted as a director on the Bay Path Board. Diane has been accepted to the Bay Path Advisory Council.

New Business: None

Outreach Report:

The Farmer's Market coupons were received and distributed. These coupons can only be used for the purchase of fruits and vegetables. The overall impression of the tour of Waterview Lodge on June 16, was good. Some members of the tour were hopeful that the conditions of the lodge would remain the same in time. Sue will be attending an all-day seminar at the Adult Day Health in Marlboro, enabling her to become a certified dementia practitioner. This is in preparation so that she can accept and train volunteers to the new program. Volunteers should be able to commit to a six month period.

Directors Report: The director's report was read Kim, in Joanne's absence.

The air conditioned unit has been installed in the kitchen. The plan to buy a new refrigerator is being delayed, due to the fact that the old one is now working fine. Motion to accept the Director's report was made by Barbara and seconded by Ed.

Around the Table:

Izzy informed us that the Ashland Historical Society is putting on a "Ghost Walk" at Simpson Jones' burial grounds, on 9/25. He also congratulated Ed as secretary, and Jim as vice-chair, for stepping up to the plate. He thanked Alexis for her interest in the Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Arthur and seconded by Barbara to adjourn the meeting at 11:20

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hansen