

**COUNCIL ON
AGING
MEETING
MINUTES**

May 6, 2013

Upton Senior Center

Chair, Betty Consigli; Members Judi Blanchard, Myra Bigelow, Maria Griffin, Grace Wadsworth, Joyce Hamilton, Holly Whalen, and Blythe Robinson, Town Manager

1 The Upton Council on Aging's regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m.

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3 Joyce Hamilton sat in interested in joining the COA. Blythe Robinson, Town Manager attended
4 the meeting also. The COA board training held in Northbridge last month was discussed.
5 Members expressed how much they enjoyed the training and learned a lot about what their job as
6 COA members is and how a COA meeting should be run. Betty spoke about offering evening
7 classes at some point for the baby boomers and how we should be planning ahead. The tax work
8 off program was discussed and explained by Blythe. An article will be put in the June Chronicle
9 about this program. The bus was discussed and COA members wonder why it isn't offered for
10 more hours each day. An article will be put in the Town Crier and the Upton Chronicle
11 encouraging residents to use the bus. Members suggested the bus be used to bring residents to
12 activities such as plays and musicals at the schools. Blythe addressed the fact that the Director,
13 Jamie, is out due to an illness and we have no other information except that he may return in late
14 June. Holly is running the center along with Steve and the Board expressed their opinion that
15 they are doing a great job. Grace Wadsworth mentioned there is a "good" feel at the center and
16 people are talking about coming down more.

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18 Summer hours and COA meetings were discussed. The Board voted to meet in June and August,
19 only taking July off for the summer. As far as summer hours go, Holly will plan a busy June and
20 we will see if attendance drops, the board can then decide in June whether or not to have
21 summer hours (M-F 7:30 to 4:30 staff, 9:00 to 3:00 center open, The 8:00 to 4:00 staff, 9:00 to
22 3:00 center open and F 8:00 to 1:00 staff, 9: 00 to 1:00 center open).

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24 Blythe addressed the board on giving a donation to Tri Valley as was included in the budget this
25 year. The Board voted to recommend to the Selectmen that they support this request. Blythe also
26 explained the May 9 town meeting article 9 that will possibly approve the renovation of the town
27 hall which would then affect Steve's hours due to placement of the town halls custodian. The
28 members expressed how much Steve is an asset to the center, always willing to help out
29 whenever and wherever needed.

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31 Blythe will join us at our June 3 meeting, along with new member Joyce Hamilton.

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33 Meeting adjourned at 10:10

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36 Respectfully submitted,

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40 Katie Kelley
41 Secretary