

**COUNCIL ON
AGING
MEETING
MINUTES**

November 4, 2013 9:01am

Upton Senior Center – 2 Farm Street, Upton, MA 01568

**In Attendance: Chair, Betty Consigli; Vice Chair; Grace Wadsworth,
Secretary Myra Bigelow, Members Judi Blanchard, Holly Whalen,
Gus Dufresne, Bobbi Grenard, and Blythe Robinson, Town Manager**

1 On November 4th the Upton Council on Aging meeting was called to order at 9:01am by Betty
2 Consigli.

3 The meeting minutes of October 7, 2013 were accepted as written.
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5 Last month the Council had a discussion on planning a special event with respect to Veterans
6 Day, however due to Holly's busy schedule this time of year; it was decided to pass over making
7 any arrangements. Betty mentioned that Applebee's Restaurant planned an event for Veterans
8 Day but was unsure exactly what it was.
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10 With regard to the COA's Director's position, applications closed on October 31st with 20
11 applications submitted. Town Manager Blythe Robinson was surprise to have received a number
12 of applications from other COA Directors. On Tuesday, November 5th the Personnel Board will
13 be meeting to review and qualify the applicants. They will narrow the applicants down to five.
14 Those individuals will be called in for an interview. The interview panel will consist of Blythe
15 Robinson, one member of the Personnel Board, one member from the Upton COA and one COA
16 member from a contiguous town. Blythe has received three COA member names from Emmett at
17 the State Office. This interview panel will perform reference checks, and a psychological
18 evaluation will be done and the person hired will be on a six-month probation period. Both Judi
19 and Betty volunteered to take part in the process.
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21 Thanksgiving baskets are donated each year from the Bloomer Girls and will be delivered from a
22 list that Holly has maintained as her position in Social Services. The Center receives donations
23 from the Salvation Army which is used for gifts and gift cards for the needy. There will be three
24 Salvation Army Kettle locations in memory of George Kennedy; Dunkin Donuts, Upton Post
25 Office and the Country Sooper. Proceeds will go into a special account. The Kettle campaign
26 runs from November 22nd to December 23rd.
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28 Upton Center will be closed Veterans Day, November 11th and November 28th and 29th for the
29 Thanksgiving holiday.
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31 Movie day November 1st was well attended even though the Newsletter was delivered late.
32 Notices of this event were posted in advance.
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34 The members reviewed dates to remember; Men's club will be meeting December 9th.
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36 Gus Defresne asked permission to leave some religious pamphlets by the bookcases. Permission
37 granted.

38 Meeting adjourned at 9:49am.

39 Respectfully submitted,

40 *Myra Bigelow*

41 Secretary