

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
Thursday, January 6, 2000

Grace Goveia Building, Dining Room 26 Alden Street

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Members present: Pat Benatti, Ray Sparks, Diane Corbo, Anita Berman,
Gladys Johnstone, Marge Perry

Members absent: Robert Gerard called in his absence.

Friends present: Berta Romano, Irma Aho, Vern Wilson

Meeting convened at 3:00 P.M. by Chairperson Anita Berman.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted as written.

2. Director's Report: Diane explained she was informed by the state that the COA was awarded four grants totalling over 31,000 dollars. Discussion on town meeting fundraiser cushions included cost to bpy. rental cost, colors, and number to purchase.

3. Friends' Report: Vern reported \$5400. realized so far in the annual appeal. The Friends purchased a transportation wheelchair that is available for borrowing. It is easy to handle and fits in a car.

4. Old Business: There is no money available for new shutters but one of the local banks is willing to pay for new shutters.

5. A new Building and Grounds Maintenance Department will be brought up at the next town meeting by the DPW Director. It will be responsible for the upkeep of all town buildings and grounds. At present, we have nothing. If it passes, there will be a full-time custodian at Grace Goveia and a 3/4 custodian at the library. Pat Benatti informed the Board that she must resign as a member at the March meeting due to an ethics violation as a town employee on a town board as explained by letter from the State Ethics Commission. A motion was made to appoint Gladys Johnstone as secretary upon the current secretary's resignation. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Date of the next meeting: February 3, 2000.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 P.M. by Chairperson Anita Berman.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Benatti, Secretary