

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ABINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

*A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Abington Council on Aging was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. In attendance were Chairperson George Whiting, COA Director Mary Beth Lawton and members Joe Iacobucci, Betty Slinger, Marie Brown, Jack Libby, David Klein and Maureen Wall. and two guests, Betty Keefe and Larry Keough. Mr. Whiting opened the meeting and requested comments on the April minutes. Marie had one minor change, which will be made. Subsequently Joe made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 2009 minutes as corrected, Betty seconded and all were in favor.*

*At the outset Mary Beth discussed the FY 2010 budget issue. It seems that the School Committee, under the chairmanship of Brenda Pignone, is asking for an override of 1.6 million dollars. Ms. Pignone on behalf of the School Committee ultimately feels that the Senior Center, Library and possibly Park & Rec. could shut down, so that the money from these budgets could be used to balance the School Committee's budget. There is talk of a contingency-based override and the Board of Selectmen will meet on Tue. night, May 26 to determine what action will be taken at that time. Mr. Whiting added that Tom Corbett, Chairman of the Selectmen, has offered to speak with the Board of Directors and Friends the morning after the Selectmen's meeting to explain the outcome. That meeting is scheduled for Wed. morning, May 17th at 8:30 at the Senior Center.*

*Ms. Lawton reviewed her Director's Report and made the following comments: -*

- The ceiling tiles in the area adjacent to the dining room where the new furniture is located will be installed over the weekend. This is a group effort between the Lions and Rotary Clubs to get this project completed. .*
- Bingo is cancelled till the first Monday in June at 1:00 p.m. The Bingo committee will meet soon to make changes to the program. The price of cards will be adjusted and it was noted that The Friends would provide free coffee on Bingo days.*
- Taste of Abington: David provided a sheet with participants from the last "Taste" in 2007. He asked the board to review this and make comments. A subcommittee for this fundraiser was formed, with David as the Chair and Mary Beth and Betty Slinger on board. They will meet on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 and will be looking for input from the members.*

*---Movies have been going on Wed. at 11:00 a.m. Mary Beth emphasized that participants from other towns are welcome.*

*---Letter of thanks to Tue. Luncheon workers: George will prepare this with Marie's help.*

*---Board of Director and Friends meeting minutes: It was felt that there is no need to have the two boards exchange minutes. All minutes are available for review anyway.*

*With regard to Board vacancies, George explained that he received a letter of resignation from Kate Kelley. Maureen will send a letter to Kate accepting her resignation with deep regret and sincere thanks for all Kate has contributed during her tenure with the board. The Board of Selectmen recently approved the appointment of Ann Welch to the Board of Directors. Further, it was noted that Betty Keefe has sent a letter of interest to the Selectmen and is awaiting approval.*

*Finally, Mary Beth called attention to a memo from Betty Slinger (copy attached). The idea is to honor seniors in Abington who have served in the armed forces by inserting a page in our newsletter with pictures and pertinent data. This project will take some time and the target date would be for the November newsletter. This idea will be discussed again at the next meeting.*

*In closing, Ms. Lawton will approach the Friends to get approval for payment of a performance by State Trooper Dan Clark. This event is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 12:00 at the Senior Center. More info will follow.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Maureen A. Wall  
Recording Secretary*