

Director's Report submitted by Karin Dynice-Swanfeldt August 2019

- The month of August has come and gone so fast. Our numbers have been growing steadily here and this has been one of the busiest summer we have ever had. I am so excited to see so many new faces joining us here at The Center.
- August was a very difficult month for us here being so very short staffed. There were times there was only one of us on staff to run the Center. I am hoping to hire a new person to replace Michael within this month. This department is growing in leaps and bounds and I feel it is not safe for any of my staff or myself to be alone in the Center with clients if something were to happen and EMS needed to be called. I am hoping in the future we may be able to look at growing my staff. Fingers crossed!!!
- I was invited to the Nashoba Hospital to meet the new President Korry Dow. In all of the years I have been the COA Director this was the first time they approached me for a meeting. This was a wonderful meeting of the minds and I am looking forward to working with Korry and her staff to better serve our 60+ population. We will be holding a meet and greet here in the fall so folks can meet Korry and ask questions.
- I was able to convert our computers, internet, TV, and printer to one plan with Comcast through a Town Business account. Thanks to Cindy Knox's for getting this put into place for us. This will be so much more cost effective.
- All monthly bills paid on time
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.
- All monthly meetings were attended.
- All of my responsibilities as the COA Director have been fulfilled.
- I held interviews with our HR person Kevin Johnston for my staff open position. We spoke with each candidate and followed the same procedure with all of them. In the end we offered Debora Keohane the position. Her first day will be September 3, 2109. I look forward to bringing on Deb and know she will be an excellent fit to this department.
- We held our Annual Sean Patrick's BBQ and we had a FULL House!!! Once again a great time was had by all.

- I attended my monthly Affordable Housing Committee meeting which is a very active group of people. I am so looking forward to working with the group of people.
- Our Annual Ice Cream Social was again a huge success. Everyone loves Ice Cream Holy Moly!!!!
- All of our Fall activities are posted and ready to roll. We have some super fun stuff planned on-site and off-site. Jean is always busy with posting, registration, and collecting money if need for an event. We are actually planning out to 2020. Yup 2020. We are so excited for some really cool new programming.
- I am also working with the Feasibility Team moving forward on the NEW Center creation and location!! This is very exciting work and the team is wonderful to work with. We have also set a date for a PUBLIC forum which will be held Monday September 30, 2019 at the High School at 5:30PM. This will be an opportunity for the community to express their ideas and move forward for our future. We have just run out of space and parking to add anymore on site activities. It is TIME for more space for the COA. Also a new name was introduced for this new adventure; The Center for Active Live Ayer COA. No more Senior or elderly being used. Everyone has to age but NO ONE NEEDS TO GET OLD!! This Center is all about living NOT getting OLD!!!
- Keep your eye on our month Newsletter, Action Unlimited and Cable TV as well as our Town Website and our FACEBOOK PAGE for all of our coming events and activities. We are beginning to plan our 2020 activities. We are looking at different, NEW activities for our afternoon programming. We try to offer whatever folks are looking for, sometimes we are successful and other time we are not. However we are willing to try anything people are interested in doing. So bring us your thoughts and ideas.....remember we are here for you!!