

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

- The month of September was soooooo busy. Our numbers continue to grow and grow which is so exciting for all of us.
- I had the pleasure of giving the Boston Post Cane to the oldest living citizen of the Town of Ayer. Mrs. Roberta Winslow and her family along with a number of friends were present for this very special presentation. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Winslow all my life and she is still a rock for our community.
- I have received all the documentation from the state to write our 2020 Formula Grant. This grant is due the beginning of November. The funds from this grant are used to support the Nutrition Coordinators position.
- We held our annual trip to Wright's Chicken Farm in RI this month and it was a huge success. This is always a great trip with AWESOME food!!!! Everyone one looks forward to this trip every year.
- I spent a bit of time this month working with different artists and event folks for 2020 through the Cultural Council. There are grants available to support these different programs and we are excited to bring different events and activities to our Center in the coming year.
- 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 am so excited to let everyone know that I now am at full staff. On September 2, 2019 Deb Keohane joined my TEAM here at the COA. She brings a bright smile and new out look to our Center. Welcome Deb.
- 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.
- This month my regular COA Board meeting was attended by our Town Manager. This was a very informative meeting with a lot that was shared. We are most excited to be moving forward with our dream of a new Center. There is a process that must be followed and all of us are so excited. This has been a goal of mine for 20 years and now we have arrived.

- The public meeting for the "KICK OFF", of the Ayer COA Center for Active Living was a HUGE, HUGE SUCCESS. We had over 50 folks in attendance and everyone took part. Everyone had a voice and there was so much information shared for our future. I am so over the moon with the turn out for this meeting. It was a very positive evening for all. Here's to the future for the Ayer COA.
- 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.
- 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!!