

## **Director's Report submitted by Karin Dynice-Swanfeldt November 2019**

- The month of November was such an AWESOME time at the Ayer COA. Our numbers continue to keep growing and growing and growing!!!!
- This month we had our first Fuel Assistance programmer on board to help folks with their issues. This is a free program but folks must set up their appointments through the Fuel Assistance Office in Fitchburg MA. We have the phone number available to give to folks in need of an appointment.
- We are TEAMING up with Assistant Director Samantha Benoit, from the Ayer Library to begin working on the collection of the Ayer Census. This is a very important number gathering for everyone. These numbers are used to help in many areas of support for communities. The Town of Ayer stands to receive high monies in grants with higher numbers collected for the 2020 Census. We will be hosting a luncheon in February to launch our efforts and also will have a recruiter here in January to discuss employment opportunities for collecting the numbers at a very nice hourly rate! Dates will be in our newsletters monthly.
- We began our Annual trip to the Christmas Tree Shoppe this month. This is always a huge success for our folks who cannot drive. Sam is so wonderful with everyone it is a blast for all.
- 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.
- Our 2021 Formula Grant was submitted to the Office for Elder Affairs and now we just wait for the money to be sent. This is used to pay just a part of my Nutrient coordinators salary.
- I am in the process of preparing our COA 2021 Town budget. We will once again be level funded in services. This is due to the Town Manager on December 13th.
- Our NO ONE IS ALONE thanksgiving was another great success. Over 22 folks who have no family came together to break bread and have super conversation. This was my 11th year preparing this event and will continue to do so as long as I am here. It is the best feeling in the world!!!!

- My 2019 State Year- End Report was written and submitted to the Office for Elder Affairs.
- We had a meeting this month with a Rep. from the State Census Department of Boston. We are teaming of with the Ayer Library to begin important work to collect the numbers for the community of Ayer.
- We are in the process of beginning our activities for 2020. We have applied for three Cultural Grants so we can bring new activities to The Center. Also using the space at the Library opens up a new venue for us to expanded our programming. We are so looking forward to 2020 and new things.
- I am continuing to work forward with the feasibility team on creating our new Center. All the information has been collected from our September meeting and we await the process of another meeting. This is a very important project and the process is a long one but we are moving forward. 2020 should be an exciting year for everything and everyone!
- 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!!**