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**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010**  
**6:30 PM**  
**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Attendees: Lu St. Aubin, Jean Hliva, Katrina Boucher, Noelle Smith, Marty Haspel, Krystal Boyd, Cindy Nicholson, Judy Sendak, Kathy Herrick, Mary Beth O'Shea, Ed Daniels, plus 28 members and non members.

**Welcome:**

Cindy Nicholson made a motion to waive the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ed Daniels and was voted unanimously.

**Dyer Prince Road Discussion/Update:**

Ed overviewed the current by-laws and regulations regarding dogs on the beaches and at Dyer Prince specifically. He noted that the regulation by the Board of Selectmen that was enacted in 2000 can be changed by the Board at any time. He listed the main complaints of the abutters to be parking issues such as those without stickers, increased traffic during dog allowed hours, health and pollution issues, safety of others at the beach, and property values. Ed added that at the Board of Health meeting they determined it will have no impact on public health and that water tests did not show proof of any contamination linked to dogs.

Ed suggested some solutions to be enforcement of the current rules and for owners to pick up after their pets, noting that this can be encouraged by increased signage and social pressure. He added that we are looking for the rules to remain as they currently are, noting it's good for tourism to have a dog friendly community and it's good for the dogs socially noting that 25% of the households in Eastham have dogs.

Ed advised the members that they can help by attending Selectman meetings, becoming a member of EDOA, signing petitions, and writing letters to the town officials. Cindy added that people also need to be aware of the area and do need to respect the property owners and stay off their property. She noted that the town is trying to work with EDOA and the property owners to find a solution.

It was asked how many closures of the area there were. Ed answered there was one high test, with the next test being borderline and the next test coming back clean. Marty Haspel added that the Health Agent never investigated the problem because she did not feel it was a public health issue, adding that closures happen at all the beaches during the summer, not just Dyer Prince. Fred Fenlon noted that a study had been done previously that demonstrated seagull feces being more dangerous to the water than dog feces.

Discussion of the current leash law followed. Ed noted that the Board of Selectmen have not expressed an opinion on the situation and will be holding a meeting on February 3 to discuss it with both groups at their regular meeting. Discussion continued regarding problems and issues at Dyer Prince.

Marty made a motion to place a petitioned article on the Town Meeting Warrant regarding the usage at Dyer Prince. The motion was seconded by Cindy and was approved unanimously.

Noelle made a motion to place a petitioned article on the Town Meeting Warrant to amend the town By-law to make the first offense for failure to pick up after your pet a fine rather than a warning. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was determined that at the Board of Selectmen meeting Ed will be the spokesman for EDOA and will suggest a volunteer group to enforce regulations and increased signage.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Lu noted that 33 members responded to the meeting bringing in \$660 in membership dues. She suggested since there is a fair amount in the checking account that we place some of that into a 6 month Certificate of Deposit.

Noelle made a motion to place \$2000 into a 6 month CD. The motion was seconded by Marty and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal M. Boyd  
Secretary