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Council on Aging Scandal Continues

The former Director of the Carver Council on Aging passed away recently without repaying the Town and with no hard copy repayment agreement in hand to repay more \$17,170 dollars in vacation time that he used in 2009 that he was not entitled to.

Former Selectmen Chairman Francis Casey said two years ago in a December 3, 2009 article in the Patriot Ledger that “payments to town are being negotiated privately. He would not elaborate.” Inquiring citizens know the reason he would not elaborate is that no serious effort has been made in the two years since this scandal became public to recover this money. Earlier this year in response to a public records request by town watchdog Paul Johnson to produce documents pertaining to the recovery efforts Casey and LaFond met privately with Johnson. The pair requested that the efforts not be made public to avoid complicating the efforts to secure a repayment agreement. Johnson agreed and did not push the request. As a result the Town does not have in its possession a repayment agreement. Fixcarver has been told that no will has been located. Chances of recovering this money are slim thanks to the failure of town officials at the highest level to respond to concerns stated in the Inspector General’s report dated October 29, 2009 report to “take the necessary and appropriate steps to recover this amount of money from the former Director as soon as possible.”

Fixcarver reminds everyone that in Carver fiduciary responsibilities of town officials are not applied equally to all situations. What is clear here is that local official’s personal connections outweighed fiduciary responsibilities in this case.

[Inspector General Report on Former Carver Carver Council on Aging Director.pdf](#)