



# TOWN OF COLCHESTER

*Commission on Aging*

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## Colchester Commission on Aging

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.

### Colchester Senior Center

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Jean Stawicki, Clara Erickson, Sue Maikshilo, Barbara Warden, Betty Ann Oppelt

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** \*Ann Smyk, Bernie Erickson, \*Sally Carbone, Bill Wagner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Donna Paty, Rosemary Coyle (BOS liaison)

\*\*Sally Carbone and Ann Smyk's terms expired December 1, 2008. It is believed that neither wish to remain as members but no resignations have been received thus far.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Stawicki called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- 2. Minutes:** S. Maikshilo asked the minutes be amended to show that she had brought up issues regarding volunteers under Old Business. She will speak directly with the new director about the issues. B. Warden motioned to approve the amended minutes as of the November 10, 2008 meeting, seconded by B. Oppelt. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 3. Financial Report:** Due to the absence of B. Erikson no Finance Report was given.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Stawicki reported that she has been trying to obtain the book needed for the accreditation process. She was encouraged by a BOS member to try to get book from another town before purchasing one for \$125. She is concerned that not all senior citizens in need of assistance are being reached. The commission discussed ways to reach additional people. Suggestions included obtaining names of individuals over the age of 80 from the voter registration and from Meals on Wheels then calling or going to their door. It was uncertain how such attempts might be received by people who do not want to be bothered or are determined to take care of themselves. The Busy Bee is quite popular but can be hard to find. Locations where they are distributed seem to run out of them quickly. Perhaps more could be made available. R. Coyle suggested that the commission consider meeting at various locations to be more visible and welcoming to others who otherwise would not attend a meeting.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** D. Patty, reported in the absence of a director, that the money raised at the craft sale, thus far, is approximately \$3,200. The Golden Glows will perform in Hartford on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The Holiday party and welcoming for the new Director will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center.

**6. Old Business:**

- A. Accreditation Process – How to proceed:** As previously discussed, no book has been obtained yet to continue this process.
- B. Update on Contacting Residential Communities:** Rob Gustafson was invited to speak to the commission about needs in Ponemah Village and Dublin Village but was unable to attend.

**7. New Business**

- A. 2009 Meeting Schedules:** Meeting dates were set at previously meeting.

**8. Adjournment:** C. Erickson motioned to adjourn, seconded by B. Warden. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Stawicki adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Dawn LePage, Clerk