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Colchester Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 12, 2010 - Colchester Senior Center

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Members Present: Chairperson Jean Stawicki, Clara Erickson, Bernie Erickson, Sue Maikshilo

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Theresa Hendricksen, Bill Wagner, Rose Levine, Betty Ann Oppelt, Barbara Warden

Others Present: Patti White

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jean Stawicki at 1:07 p.m.
- 2. Minutes:** Clara Erickson motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 9/13/10. Sue Maikshilo seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** Bernie Erickson reported that dial-a-ride collected \$655.40 in September from bus transportation. Of that, \$190.00 was for out of town trips. The committee discussed how the amount collected can vary from month to month with the new donation system. Sue Maikshilo motioned to approve the Financial Report. Clara Erickson seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Jean Stawicki told that she was at an event with Stan Soby and Joe Broder. They talked about Title 19 and 'money follows the person' and how that relates to keeping seniors in their homes. Jean told them about Wednesday's program sponsored by the Commission.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** Patti White reported that Rose has been working hard on the 'Keeping Seniors at Home' program taking place on October 20th at 7 pm. She has printed flyers and passed them out around town. It will also be published in several area papers as well as advertised on am radio.
The Friendly Visitor program orientation will be on October 13th from 5 – 7 pm. A light supper will be served. The facilitator has run this program several times and does some exercises with volunteers to help them understand the needs of seniors and why they might want visitors.
The TRIAD event entitled 'Don't be Scammed' will be on October 19th from 9:30 – 12. It will focus on how to be safe when people come to your home, identity theft and how to recognize scams.
National Make a Difference Day is on October 23rd. The senior center will begin collecting personal items, breakfast foods and snacks starting next week. All items

will be donated to Colchester Social Services. This is a collaborative effort with Colchester schools. Patti also related that combining social services with youth services seems to be working well. They have done a great job of organizing volunteers and the secretary has been answering incoming calls.

AARP is holding their candidate forum at 2 pm on October 26th at the senior center. The Senior Center Study Group met in September with Diana Norton-Giles who represented the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees. She related that there is no historical significance with the building that currently houses the senior center and that the Board of Trustees would be open to discussion regarding selling the building to the town. The group is going to William J. Johnson Middle School on Thursday to tour the facility. These discussions are all part of the due diligence for the group to meet the charge put to them by the Board of Selectmen.

Sue Maikshilo motioned to approve the Senior Center Director's Report. Bernie Erickson seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Old Business:

A. Long Term Care Need Issue: Discussed in the Senior Center Directors Report.

B. Bylaw Review: Jean Stawicki and Rose Levine have volunteered to be on the committee to review bylaws. Jean stated that they will meet in November. She will also get in touch with Theresa Hendricksen to see if she would also be interested.

7. New Business: No items were reported.

8. Adjournment: Bernie Erickson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 pm. Sue Maikshilo seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Komoroski