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Colchester Commission on Aging **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 13, 2010 – Colchester Senior Center

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Members Present: Chairperson Jean Stawicki, Vice-Chair Theresa Hendricksen, Clara Erickson, Bernie Erickson, Sue Maikshilo, Rose Levine, Betty Ann Oppelt

Members Absent: Bill Wagner, Barbara Warden

Others Present: Patti White

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jean Stawicki at 1:02 p.m.
- 2. Minutes:** Clara Erickson motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 11/8/10. Betty Ann Oppelt seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** Bernie Erickson reported that dial-a-ride collected \$187.50 in November. Of that, \$50.50 was for out of town trips. Sue Maikshilo motioned to approve the Financial Report. Theresa Hendricksen seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Jean Stawicki reported that she made copies of the Town Ordinances and Bylaws for the Commission. Neither the Town Charter nor the Bylaws detail stipulations on who can fill the seats of the Commission, however the Town Ordinances do. A discussion followed regarding this issue. Clara Erickson motioned to table discussing a change in the Ordinances until after the new members are appointed. Theresa Hendricksen seconded. Five members voted in favor. Two members abstained. MOTION CARRIED. Rose Levine motioned that the Commission on Aging establish a bylaw review committee. Sue Maikshilo seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Rose and Jean volunteered to sit on the review committee.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** Patti White reported that the Holiday Christmas Breakfast will be held on December 23rd at 9:30. The Golden Glow will provide entertainment.
The Golden Glow recently sang at the Wadsworth Atheneum. The Christmas tree that was decorated from Colchester was beautiful and has already sold.
The Senior Center is again partnering with Jack Jackter Intermediate School to provide holiday gift baskets to 32 individuals and Social Services, the Lion's Club and the Rotary Club will provide 21 holiday food baskets.

The preliminary budgets are due in January. Patti is continuing to work with other departments on possible consolidation. They have visited Stonington already and will also meet with Cromwell and Glastonbury.

The Senior Center Study Group hopes to have their final recommendation in February. There were 409 responses to the survey, which is more than responded to the last budget survey. Most respondents would like to see a separate dedicated space within a community center model. The group is identifying issues that would impact their recommendation such as safety and parking.

December 31 is the deadline to make any changes to Medicare. Senior Resources has provided help twice a month in the form of Medicare 'checkups'.

TRIAD is working to organize a reverse 911 for seniors. This effort has come out of the program that they held in October.

TVCCA has offered to distribute a flier to the meals-on-wheels recipients regarding the Friendly Visitor program.

The Memories group is going strong. They have a few new members. The leader does a great job of connecting the field trips they go on with the activities they are working on. This is funded by a Federal grant that is applied for annually.

The Center raised \$3,700 from the Holiday Bazaar. It was very successful.

Theresa Hendricksen motioned to approve the Senior Center Director's Report. Clara Erickson seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Old Business:

A. Bylaw Review: Discussed in the Chairman's Report.

- 7. New Business:** Rose Levine reported that Community Choices has received Federal funds to expand in this region of the state. This group offers information about long-term care community supports and will educate seniors about their placement options. This program is currently available in 3 other parts of the state. For example, Backus Hospital will now provide a specialist beyond the discharge planner that can help seniors and their families make decisions about their post-hospital care.

- 8. Adjournment:** Clara Erickson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 pm. Bernie Erickson seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Komoroski