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## Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2011 – Colchester Senior Center

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Theresa Hendricksen, Sue Maikshilo, Rose Levine, Betty Ann Oppelt

**Members Absent:** Chairperson Jean Stawicki, Barbara Warden

**Others Present:** Patti White

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Theresa Hendricksen at 1:06 p.m.
- 2. Minutes:** Sue Maikshilo motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 2/14/11. Rose Levine seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** Betty Ann Oppelt reported that \$183.00 was collected from transportation in the month of February 2011. Patti White added that they are installing a donation box in the cafeteria to hopefully generate more income.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** No items were reported.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** Patti White reported that she is presenting the Senior Center budget at the Board of Selectmen's meeting tonight. There are increases for fuel and oil, but the rest of the budget is flat. The Friendly Visitor program is beginning slowly. Patti met with people from Harrington Court in hopes of finding people who would like company. The center is in the process of submitting grants for a new wheelchair accessible bus as well as the memories program. There are new nighttime programs being offered such as bingo and yoga. Patti also said that there is an Eagle Scout candidate that will be planting gardens at the center. Patti is meeting with Gregg Schuster again regarding the Community Services Department. Currently their recommendation is to combine Youth, Social and Senior Services together. This will probably not happen until next year, though.
- 6. Old Business:** Rose Levine talked about the 'Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer's Disease or any other Dementia' program. It will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7–9 pm. Preregistration is requested. It has been advertised in several newspapers and at the center. There will be a doctor and lawyer who specialize in this issue presenting, as well as Rose.

Theresa Hendrickson reported that the Senior Center Study Group had their last meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. They will present their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**7. New Business:**

**A. Meeting Time:** There was discussion regarding changing the meeting time to accommodate members who work. It was decided to wait for further discussion until all members are present.

**B. Budgeting for Programs:** Rose Levine stated that she and Jean Stawicki were to meet to review bylaws and they wanted to add a small budget for the Commission. It would be used for items like postage, printing or refreshments. Patti thought there could be a line item added within the Senior Center budget for this.

**8. Adjournment:** Sue Maikshilo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 pm. Betty Ann Oppelt seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Komoroski