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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, JULY 9, 2012 - Colchester Senior Center

Members Present: Chairperson Rose Levine, Vice Chair Marilyn Finnegan, Goldie Liverant, Jean Stawicki, Betty Ann Oppelt

Members Absent: Herb Davis, Rob Gustafson

Others Present: Patti White, Rosemary Coyle

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Rose Levine at 8:36 a.m.
- 2. Minutes:** Jean Stawicki motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 6/11/12. Betty Ann Oppelt seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** Betty Ann Oppelt reported that \$325.00 was collected for transportation in the month of June. Of that, \$284.00 was for out of town trips. Patti White attested to the dedication of the bus drivers.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Rose Levine reported that she is talking to the architectural firm regarding their attendance at a Commission on Aging meeting.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** Patti White reported that the center raised \$1,400 from the tag sale. The 1st meeting for the holiday fair will be held the 1st week of August. Their volunteer appreciation will be held at the end of September or beginning of October. The golf league is going really well and the exercise program will start up again in September. The stretchercize program is very popular and will repeat another 6 week session. There is also a book club beginning soon that will meet every other week and a movie club on the opposite weeks. The Title 3 grant came through for the memories program. This is the 4th year receiving this funding. The group discussed holding a program on October 17th focusing on safe senior driving.
- 6. Senior/Community Center Building Committee Update:** Rosemary Coyle reported that she expects the group to slow down because of the problems passing the budget.

- 7. Senior Resource List:** Rose stated that she and Marilyn are still vetting information. Patti White offered to begin compiling info into a spreadsheet for them. They questioned whether they could sell advertising space to cover printing costs. Rosemary said she would find out the policy.
- 8. Handyman Project:** No items were reported.
- 9. Old Business:** Patti reported that she checked with other towns and the state regarding policy on transporting seniors from nursing homes to the center. Most towns said they do not allow people who reside at nursing homes to utilize their senior center, although the state said they had no policy on the matter. The group decided to recommend wording to the effect that if you need an aide you have to bring one in order to be transported by the center or to attend the center. Patti will write it up and present it to the Board of Selectmen.
Jean Stawicki asked whether the Board of Selectmen had approved the new bylaws. Rosemary stated that the town ordinance and bylaws have to be aligned for the composition of the Commission before they can be approved. She and Patti will submit paperwork and ask for it to be added to a future Board of Selectmen meeting agenda.
- 10. New Business:** No items were reported.
- 11. Adjournment:** Jean Stawicki motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 am. Marilyn Finnegan seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Komoroski