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Meeting Minutes

Monday March 12, 2012 – Colchester Senior Center

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Members Present: Rose Levine, Jean Stawicki, Herb Davis, Rob Gustafson, Goldie Liverant, Betty Ann Oppelt

Members Absent: Marilyn Finnegan

Others present: Patti White

- 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 minutes of 2/13/12. The motion was seconded by Herb Davis. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 3. Financial Report:** Patti White reported that \$290.00 was collected for transportation in the month of February. Of that \$203.00 was for daily transportation and \$87.00 was for out of town trips.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Rose Levine asked the group if they would like to organize a seminar in May to both educate the public on a relevant issue and draw attention to Older American's Month. After a lengthy discussion about the challenges of advocating for seniors in nursing homes and hospitals, the group decided to hold an event on Wednesday May 16th at 6:30 at the senior center. The tentative title of the seminar is "Coordinating Care for an Elder Loved One in a Hospital or Nursing Home Setting." Invited speakers would include representatives from the local convalescent homes, CCCI and Deb Hartley from the Colchester Housing Authority. After a brief discussion the group decided to invite the Colchester Children's Collaborative to their April meeting
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** Patti white reported that the Triad is organizing a series of community meetings in housing developments to inform seniors about the Everbridge Reverse 911 system that is intended to help seniors and those with special needs in preparing for emergencies, and tracking their needs during and after an emergency. She also updated the group on the health and safety fair that will be held on April 14th from 10-2 at St. Andrews church which will include various local health and safety related providers in the community, who will provide educational materials. Rose recommended that the group consider asking the Safe Return Medic Alert professionals to attend the fair. Patti also reported that she had submitted her annual budget to the First Selectman and stated that she was optimistic it would ultimately be approved.

6. Senior/Community Center: Goldie reported that she had attended the last meeting and things were progressing. She also raised a concern that the process was going to take longer than she had hoped based on comments in local news articles.

7. Senior Resource List: Rose informed the group that she and Marilyn were finalizing the list. The group discussed formatting and printing options. Patti said that she could get the booklet printed with senior center donation funds. Rose was going to check into Backus Clinic as a sponsor.

8. Handyman Project: Herb Davis reported that he had corresponded with Greg Schuster regarding any liability issues of operating the program, and stated that he had been communicating with both the town's insurance and legal representatives. The group discussed several ideas for the program, including; obtaining grants to fund a handyman's salary, organizing youth groups for unskilled labor needs, providing information on licensed tradesmen in the area and serving as a clearing house for a needs/deeds component. Herb David said he would continue to do his research and the group would discuss the program at its next meeting.

9. Old Business

A. Vote on Bylaw Revisions

Rose led the group in a review of the revised bylaws. Herb made a motion to accept the changes to Article II as rewritten and edited. The motion was seconded by Jean. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Betty Ann made a motion to approve the revisions/edits to Article III. The motion was seconded by Herb. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jean made a motion to approve article V as revised/edited. Betty Ann seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Review of Transportation Policy and Code of Conduct

Rose, Herb and Jean stated that they would email Patti with their feedback on the draft policies. Patti stated that she would like for the policies to be voted on at the April meeting.

10. New Business:

Rose informed the group about the town's Volunteer Fair to be held on Wednesday march 28th from 4:30- 7:00 at town hall. She asked for volunteers to represent the COA.

11. Adjournment: Betty Ann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:50. Rob Gustafson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**