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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 14, 2012 - Colchester Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Rob Gustafson

Others Present: Patti White, Shelly Flynn, Cindy Praisner

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Rose Levine at 8:37 a.m.
- 2. Collaborative for Colchester's Children (C3) Presentation:** Shelly Flynn and Cindy Praisner described C3 as a grant funded collaboration between parents, businesses, Board of Education, Board of Selectmen, faith representatives, civic organizations etc. whose goal is to develop a blueprint to provide services and support to children and their families from birth through age 8. They provided statistical information showing that healthy development during rapid brain development, up to age 5, produces adults who add to society by educating themselves, working successfully and paying taxes, not costing taxpayers money in special education, welfare, income taxes and crime costs. They have raised over a million dollars in grant money which has been directed to preschool tuition subsidies, a resource directory, Head Start, parenting education, professional development etc. They have also been asked to speak in Washington, DC to share how they have been successful in our community. There was discussion regarding overlap of programs and ideas between the two age groups and how to possibly integrate programming.
- 3. Minutes:** Jean Stawicki motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/9/12. Betty Ann Oppelt seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Financial Report:** In April, \$299.00 was collected for transportation. Of that, \$56.00 was for out-of-town trips.
- 5. Chairman's Report:** No items were reported.
- 6. Senior Center Director's Report:** No items were reported.
- 7. Senior/Community Center Building Committee Update:** Patti showed a preliminary drawing from the architect. The group discussed square footage, a separate entrance and parking. It was decided that Rose will set up a meeting with the

architect and the Commission on Aging so the group can hear plans and voice their concerns.

- 8. Senior Resource List:** Rose and Marilyn are continuing to check resources and compile a spreadsheet.
- 9. Handyman Project:** Herb and Jean reported that Rob did a job for a senior who was very thankful.
- 10. Old Business:**
 - A. Vote to Approve Transportation Policy and Code of Conduct:** Jean Stawicki motioned to add the word 'when' to item 9 of the Transportation Policy and otherwise approve it. Herb Davis seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
Marilyn Finnegan motioned to approve the Code of Conduct with the following changes; to move the grievance procedure policy paragraphs under the signature line to separate them from the Code of Conduct wording and change the word 'serve' to 'assist'. Goldie Liverant seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor except Jean Stawicki, who abstained. MOTION CARRIED.
 - B. Update to May program on Elder Care:** The program titled "Coordinating Care for an Elder Loved One in a Hospital or Nursing Home Setting" will be held May 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the senior center. There are 2 speakers and 2 admissions coordinators scheduled to attend.
- 11. New Business:** Marilyn Finnegan and Herb Davis nominated Rose Levine for the Chair position and Herb nominated Marilyn Finnegan for the Vice-Chair position.
- 12. Adjournment:** Goldie Liverant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. Marilyn Finnegan seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Komoroski