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## Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 15, 2013 - Colchester Town Hall

**Members Present:** Chairperson Rose Levine, Jean Stawicki, Goldie Liverant, Gary Siddell, Rob Gustafson

**Members Absent:** Marilyn Finnegan, Joe Menhart

**Others Present:** Patty Watts, Rosemary Coyle

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair R. Levine at 8:35 a.m.
- 2. Minutes:** G. Siddell motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 9/9/13. G. Liverant seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** P. Watts reported the correct year to date total for July transportation was \$218. Daily transportation collected for August was \$198.25 and \$80 for out of town trips for a YTD total of \$496.25. Daily transportation for September collected \$41 and \$57 for out of town trips for a YTD total of \$594.25 as of the end of September.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** R. Levine regretfully reported that M. Finnegan resigned from the Commission because she moved out of state. The Board of Selectmen have already accepted her resignation. They also moved J. Menhart to a full member position. Currently there is one full member and two alternate positions open on the Commission. There was discussion regarding aligning of term end dates.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** P. Watts reported that the new program director, Becky Sullivan has started and is doing a wonderful job. Patty attended a conference in Massachusetts on October 2<sup>nd</sup> that detailed many new trends in senior care and centers. The center is running a month long promotion for TVCCA meals. If you purchase 5 meals in the month you will be entered into a raffle for a \$25 Stop & Shop gift card. There is a mystery trip scheduled for this Thursday that includes both a sunny and rainy day plan. The trip is full and attendees are very excited about it. One of the bus drivers holds a Hot & Sun pizza party in the fall and a Cold & Snow party in the spring. You do not have to ride the busses to attend. Make a Difference Day is on October 26<sup>th</sup> this year. The senior center is partnering with the schools in collecting food for local pantries. Several seniors will also be serving food at St. Andrews on the 22<sup>nd</sup> for this national volunteer day. There will be a Halloween party on the 31<sup>st</sup>, costumes are welcome. Patty is seeing a stability and upward trend in attendance and meals. There were 12 new seniors served again in September. Patty also spoke with J. Faski regarding TRIAD and will schedule a meeting soon. The new hours of operation for the senior center have been approved by the Board of Selectmen. They are Monday through Friday, from 8 am through 4 pm.

- 6. Current Senior Center Building Update:** The exterior façade project is ongoing. The hallway project is almost complete with refinished floors, paint and wainscoting. The photos of Colchester will be hung shortly. The Eagle Scout candidate will be holding a spaghetti supper fundraiser to build the storage units that will separate the large room across from the cafeteria. He hopes to have that complete by December 7<sup>th</sup> for the open house.
- 7. Senior/Community Center Building Committee Referendum Vote:** The Commission expressed their disappointment with the outcome of the referendum and their surprise at the huge disparity between votes. G. Liverant reported that there was a building committee meeting last Thursday where discussion centered around whether the building committee had met their charge and were all finished, or if they are to continue on. There was also much discussion regarding the middle school. Goldie asked about the senior center and community center. There is to be a tri-board meeting on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at town hall between the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education where this issue should come up. There is also a subcommittee comprised of 2 representatives each from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Bacon Academy Board of Trustees meeting to devise a plan for the senior center. There is some urgency here as the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees owns the building (not the Town of Colchester) and they have discussed putting the building up for sale.
- 8. Old Business:** No items were reported.
- 9. New Business:** The Commission decided to hold meetings in 2014 at the senior center.
- 10. Citizen's Comments:** No items were reported.
- 11. Adjournment:** J. Stawicki motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m. G. Siddell seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Komoroski