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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2013 – Colchester Senior Center

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

Members Absent: Herb Davis, Rob Gustafson

Others Present: Priscilla Clesowich, Joe Menhart

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Rose Levine at 8:40 a.m.
- 2. Minutes:** Goldie Liverant motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 1/14/13. Gary Siddell seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** Betty Ann Oppelt reported that \$233.00 was collected for transportation in the month of January. Of that, \$48.00 was for out of town trips. February information was not reported. Total for the fiscal year is \$2,250.00.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** The group discussed membership of the Commission. Rose Levine reported that the Niantic Community Church will host a presentation entitled "Disaster Preparedness for Seniors" on April 6th at 10 am. The Memory Café funded by the Alzheimer's Foundation has begun operating. Their next event is "Meet Me at the Museum" at the Lyman Allen Museum on April 10th at 1 pm.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** Priscilla Clesowich reported that Gregg Schuster is meeting with staff on a regular basis. An interview panel for the new director has been formed and there are 8 candidates. Interviews started last week. He should have a decision by mid-April. The Bacon Academy Board of Trustees asked to raise the rent for the Senior Center to \$25,000 per year. Their request was rejected by the Finance Committee. Copies Plus has been printing the Busy Bee for about \$185 per month. Staff is looking for alternate ways to print, possibly through the library or Town Hall. This could result in the cost being reduced to paper only. Renter's Rebate starts April 1st.
- 6. Senior/Community Center Building Committee Update:** The Committee continues to work on the plans with the architects with consideration for cost vs. need. It appears that they will not meet the June deadline for the state which will postpone the project for another year.

- 7. Senior Resource List:** The Senior Center will assist in verifying phone numbers and addresses. Rose is continuing to solicit advertisers.
- 8. Old Business:** Jean Stawicki and Rose Levine are continuing to work on updating the Town Ordinances to bring before the Board of Selectmen.
- 9. New Business:** There was discussion about identifying at-risk seniors in the community who do not come to the senior center. The idea is to offer services and resources to them. Marilyn Finnegan, Gary Siddell and Rose Levine volunteered to sit on a committee to try and address this.
- 10. Adjournment:** Betty Ann Oppelt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am. Jean Stawicki seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Komoroski".

Michelle Komoroski