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## Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2013 - Colchester Town Hall

**Members Present:** Chairperson Rose Levine, Marilyn Finnegan, Jean Stawicki, Betty Ann Oppelt, Goldie Liverant, Gary Siddell, Joe Menhart

**Members Absent:** Rob Gustafson

**Others Present:** Priscilla Clesowich, Maggie Wasicki

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Rose Levine at 8:38 a.m.
- 2. Minutes:** J. Stawicki motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/8/13. G. Siddell seconded. All others voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. M. Finnegan motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of 4/16/13. G. Siddell seconded. All others voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** B. Oppelt reported that the daily transportation for April was \$186 and the trips were \$32 totaling \$218. The year-to-date total collected is \$2,978.50.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** R. Levine reported that J. Menhart was appointed to the Commission on Aging as an alternate by the Board of Selectmen. She asked for volunteers for a nominating committee to bring names forward to vote at the June meeting. J. Stawicki and G. Siddell volunteered. R. Levine reported that several members of the Commission attended both the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen meetings two weeks ago to express their concerns about the condition of the building and the Director position. There has been money allocated to repair the floor in the front room so that it may be re-opened. There have been follow up interviews for the open position and Rose was asked to sit in and give input. The candidates are asked to tour the current facility. The nominating committee should present their nomination at Thursday's Board of Selectmen meeting. Also, the repair of the van was donated by a business in town and the center is using the bookmobile vehicle that was donated to the Collaborative for Colchester's Children by Backus Hospital. There was discussion regarding the lack of communication between the center and various town departments and boards because there is nobody in the director position to facilitate it.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** M. Wasicki, Finance Director reported that she has been working on several grants for the senior center. She's filed for the CT DOT grant that funds the driver, the Senior Resources Grant that funds the Making Memories program and was awarded \$1,000 from the Lion's Club. She is also submitting reports to proper agencies so they do not lose funding - all typically taken care of by the senior center director. She also reported that Donna Paty has taken over printing the Busy Bee, saving the center about

two thousand dollars. Priscilla reported that Luke Hajdasz, a middle school student, was awarded \$1,000 from Liberty Bank for the South Eastern CT region for programs for a new fan, CD player, white board, card table, smoking stand, GPS for medical driver and cushion for the front bench. There was also discussion regarding the donation account; where the money comes from and what it's used for.

6. **Senior/Community Center Building Committee Update:** The building committee is currently waiting for recommendations. The referendum won't be until November or possibly next June.
7. **Senior Resource List:** No items were reported.
8. **Old Business:** R. Levine, J. Stawicki and G. Siddell will meet to discuss aligning the Town Ordinance with the Commission on Aging Bylaws.
9. **New Business:** No items were reported.
10. **Adjournment:** M. Finnegan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m. G. Liverant seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Komoroski