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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 14, 2014 - Colchester Senior Center

Members Present: Gary Siddell, Jean Stawicki, Rob Gustafson, Joe Menhart, Susan Choma

Members Absent: Rose Levine, Goldie Liverant

Others Present: Rosemary Coyle, Mary Tomasi, Art Shilosky, Becky Sullivan

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by G. Siddell at 8:30 a.m.
- 2. Status of Commission on Aging Membership and Voting Members for Current Meeting:** G. Siddell reported that the Board of Selectmen moved S. Choma to an open alternate position to correct the political make-up of the Commission. This leaves one full member and one alternate position open. J. Stawicki moved to seat S. Choma as a voting member at today's meeting in lieu of the vacancy on the Commission. R. Gustafson seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Minutes:** J. Stawicki motioned to accept the March 10, 2014 meeting minutes. S. Choma seconded. J. Menhart abstained. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Financial Report:** B. Sullivan reported that March daily transportation collected \$244 and out of town trips collected \$78. This brings the YTD total to \$2,197.
- 5. Chairman's Report:** G. Siddell welcomed B. Sullivan, program coordinator at the senior center, to the meeting and introductions were made.
- 6. Senior Center Director's Report:** B. Sullivan reported that the Eagle Scout candidate has received final approval and will install the project on an upcoming weekend. The \$10,000 line for reconfiguring the space at the current senior center has been cut from the budget. They have however, worked out an alternate plan. There was a 'Celebrate Everything Leftovers' luncheon on 4/1 and AARP held a Smart Driver course last Friday. Greig Picking from Chesthelm will present a Falls Prevention Breakfast on 4/23 at 9:30 a.m., the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on 4/25 and the Cold & Snow Party will be held on 4/28. Several new programs have been instituted including Zumba Gold, Coffee & Current Events and a Senior Wits Program. The center remains open on Wednesdays until 6 for the Zumba Gold class. The next TRIAD meeting will be on Tuesday, 4/20. March statistics are as follows: attendance: 101 in 21 days of operation, 118 Bistro and special meals served, 128 Community Café meals served, 460 Meals-on-Wheels delivered, and 15 new members registered for a year-to-date total of 31.
- 7. New Senior Center Building Update:** R. Coyle reported that the bipartisan subcommittee met with a representative of the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees regarding the purchase

of the current senior center land and building. They have ordered an appraisal and engineering report. Their next meeting will be on 5/15 to discuss the results. This is just a temporary solution that will put the town on a path to decide what to do with the senior center on a permanent basis. There was discussion regarding the comments on the budget survey that there is clearly still a lot of confusion among citizens regarding the center. J. Stawicki and S. Choma volunteered to work with R. Coyle and A. Shilosky to create a list of talking points to present to different community venues. G. Siddell and R. Levine will work on writing letters to the editor to highlight programming and statistics at the center.

- 8. Vote on Recommended Commission on Aging Changes to Town Ordinance:** G. Siddell presented proposed changes to the Town Ordinances. After discussion, the group decided to do more research and discuss clarifying language again in May.
- 9. Review of Senior Center Resource Guide:** G. Siddell reported that the guide is compiled and in booklet form. The Commission discussed how to fund and distribute. G. Siddell will get a printing cost, A. Shilosky will look into how the Commission could handle money and/or monetary donations.
- 10. Old Business:** No items were reported.
- 11. New Business:** J. Menhart expressed interest in reporting to AARP on what is happening with the Commission on Aging as he is on the executive board. Their meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Members were in agreement that it is a good idea.
- 12. Citizen's Comments:** No items were reported.
- 13. Adjournment:** J. Stawicki motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m. R. Gustafson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Komoroski