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## Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 11, 2014 - Colchester Senior Center

**Members Present:** Chair Gary Siddell, Jean Stawicki, Rose Levine, Rob Gustafson, Goldie Liverant, Joe Menhart

**Members Absent:** Susan Choma

**Others Present:** Patty Watts, Mary Tomasi, Art Shilosky, Stan Soby

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chair G. Siddell called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
- 2. Possible Seating of Alternate:** No action taken.
- 3. Minutes:** G. Liverant motioned to accept the July 14, 2014 meeting minutes. J. Menhart seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Financial Report:** P. Watts reported that July daily transportation collected \$44 and out of town trips collected \$102 for a monthly total of \$146. This is the first month of the fiscal year so the YTD total is also \$146.
- 5. Chairman's Report:** G. Siddell reported that he represented the Commission on Aging at the Board of Selectmen quarterly reporting meeting. He would like to work toward preparing a more formal annual report.
- 6. Senior Center Director's Report:** P. Watts reported that the Eagle Scout candidate has installed all large cabinets and just needs to paint and attach doors. His goal is to be completed before school starts. The staff has changed sign up days to Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday reserving Wednesday for social service program appointments. Patty is attending training to become a counselor for Medicare choices. The golf tournament was a huge success, raising \$3,043.98 which is earmarked to upgrade computer equipment. She will submit pictures to the newspaper and write a letter to the editor thanking the organizers and supporters. She also reported that 3 new volunteers have agreed to design a curriculum for computer classes that should start in the fall. The "Fruits that Heal" program was well attended. There will be an extreme bingo and ice cream social on 8/18 with DJ Keith Alan, TVCCA will present 'Got Milk' on 8/21, a relaxation workshop will be held on 8/27 and a Farewell to Summer picnic will be on 8/29. Upcoming programs include an elder law workshop on 9/3 with dinner sponsored by Chestelm, 'From Hula Hoops to High Fashion' with lunch on 9/8 sponsored by the CT Historical Society, Foxwoods trip on 9/16, Celebrate Polka on 9/23, Fall Foliage Train & Riverboat Ride on 10/2, A Taste of Providence on 10/14, Wicked on 11/6 (sold out) and an overnight holiday shopping trip to Kennebunkport 12/6-7. July statistics were: Attendance: 1,165 over 22 days of operation and Transports: number unavailable. 92 Bistro and special meals served, Community Café meals and Meals-on-Wheels numbers were unavailable. 8 new members registered in July for a YTD total of 63 new members.
- 7. Status Update on Commission on Aging Changes to Town Ordinance:** S. Soby asked for clarification on some of the proposed changes to the Town Ordinances. He also raised some questions about language in the current Bylaws. The group decided to revisit the wording of both documents and present proposed changes to the Board of Selectmen at a later date.

8. **Status Update on Senior Resource Guide:** The Commission on Aging received a donation of \$350 to print copies of the guide with possibly more to follow. J. Stawicki moved to spend what is in the account to print copies to be distributed. R. Levine seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
9. **Status Update on Policy and Procedures:** P. Watts reported that she met with G. Siddell to establish goals of the sub-committee, establish a timeline and determine frequency of meetings. They decided they would meet 2 times a month with a goal of completion by the new year. She distributed packets to members of the sub-committee of well written examples from around the state. Once they are compiled, she will review with her staff then the Commission then present to Board of Selectmen. J. Menhart offered to review language when they are finished.
10. **Old Business:** G. Siddell reminded members of the member and alternate vacancies on the Commission.
11. **New Business:** G. Siddell suggested holding some meetings out in the community. R. Gustafson motioned to hold the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at Dublin Village. J. Menhart seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. G. Siddell also asked for volunteers to review bylaws. R. Levine, J. Menhart and J. Stawicki volunteered. P. Watts questioned the procedure for Ponemah and Dublin Village that sends grievances to the municipal agent for the elderly. There was discussion regarding who should be dealing with disputes of this nature.
12. **Citizen's Comments:** G. Liverant stated that the Historical Society will open their buildings on the green (Historical Museum, Fire Museum, Old Bacon Academy, Colored Schoolhouse) and host an ice cream social at 6:30 on 8/20 to coincide with the Cruise to the Green.
13. **Adjournment:** J. Stawicki motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. G. Liverant seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Komoroski