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## Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 14, 2015 - Colchester Senior Center

**Members Present:** Jean Stawicki, Goldie Liverant, Ellie Phillips, Jennifer Raybern DeHay, Marjorie Mlodzinski, Rose Levine

**Members Absent:** Marion Stanavage, Rob Gustafson

**Others Present:** Patty Watts, Rosemary Coyle, Mary Tomasi, Rob Tarlov, Laura Falt

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** J. Stawicki called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
- 2. Possible Seating of Alternate:** J. Stawicki seated both alternates in lieu of two member's absences.
- 3. Citizen's Comments:** No items were reported.
- 4. Minutes:** M. Mlodzinski motioned to accept the November 9, 2015 meeting minutes. G. Liverant seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 5. Financial Report:** P. Watts reported the daily transportation collection in November 2015 was \$294 and out of town trips collection was \$210 for a monthly total of \$504. The YTD total is \$1,623.81.
- 6. Chairman's Report:** J. Stawicki reported that Gary Siddell resigned from the Commission. He sent his materials to J. Stawicki and met with E. Phillips and M. Mlodzinski to get them started on the annual report. He also resigned from the Senior Center Sub-Committee and the Strategic Planning Team and these vacancies will need to be filled.
- 7. Senior Center Director's Report:** P. Watts reported that the Holiday Fair & Open House was a great success and raised over \$2,800. The Mental Health First Aid Training was an excellent program attended by Senior Center and Parks & Rec staff. The dining room is being painted today and some renovations are being completed in the craft room. There is an intern starting on January 4<sup>th</sup> who will be helping out for 20 hours per week for 2 months. Tim Grills, the Director of the Meals Program at TVCCA is leaving. The Senior Center will be closing at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, and will be closed for the day on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Upcoming programming: Gingerbread House activity with Bacon Academy students on 12/14, Bingo Holiday Luncheon on 12/15, Bright Nights at Forest Park on 12/16, Homespun Holidays Luncheon on 12/21, Receive Holiday Boxes from JJIS on 12/23 and New Year's Brunch 'n Bash on 12/31 with musical entertainment. Upcoming Trips: Love Letters at the Bushnell on 2/14, Maple Sugar Madness on 3/22, One Slight Hitch at Newport Playhouse on 4/11, Will & Anthony from Broadway to Italy at the Aquaturf on 5/24, overnight trip to Ogunquit, ME from 6/1-6/3, No-Fly Cruise to the Bahamas from 3/19 – 3/27 Treasures of Northern California from 9/5 – 9/13 and Tropical Costa Rica from 11/5 – 11/13. November statistics: Attendance: 1,382 over 18 days. Transports in November were 817. 109 Bistro and special meals served, 115 Community Café meals served and 438 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. At the end of the month, there were 880 seniors registered in MySeniorCenter. There was discussion regarding the intergenerational programs being developed including a pen pal group with some JJIS students and a club from Bacon Academy that will be partnering with seniors from the center.

- 8. Senior Resource Guide:** R. Levine reported that she has almost completed the new edition. There were a lot of revisions that needed to be made. The group discussed the financing of the new book and the status of the Commission's budget. There was a balance of \$475.94 as of October which came from the \$14 previous balance, \$300 grant from the Lion's Club and \$161 from the Stop & Shop collection. R. Gustafson dropped off a box from Hope Plumbing which M. Mlodzinski offered to count and get to M. Cosgrove. R. Levine will get quotes on the reprint.
- 9. Status of Strategic Team Planning Meetings:** P. Watts reported that group meets every other Monday. The group will be visiting area senior centers and have developed a site checklist. E. Phillips will take photos. They are working toward putting together a report to submit to the town's Senior Center Planning Committee to let them know what their needs and wants are in a physical building. The group is also working on a long range plan for the center.
- 10. Old Business:** No items were reported.
- 11. New Business:** J. Stawicki stated they need to fill the vacancies on the Senior Center Sub Committee and the Strategic Planning Team as well as the vacant position on the Commission and the Chair position. M. Mlodzinski volunteered for the Senior Center Sub-Committee and G. Liverant volunteered for the Strategic Planning Team. R. Coyle volunteered to find out about party affiliations so that a recommendation can be made to the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy on the Commission. There was also discussion regarding how to fill the Chair position. J. Stawicki volunteered to sit as Chair until the election in June. E. Phillips volunteered to fill the Vice Chair position if J. Stawicki moves to Chair. J. Stawicki will reach out to M. Stanavage to see if she would like to continue as Treasurer. J. Stawicki also asked members to start to think of ideas for future programming the Commission can sponsor.
- 12. Citizen's Comments:** P. Watts attended a round table discussion with G. Siddell and R. Levine and was given a handout detailing new legislation that affects seniors in CT effective 10/1/15. She also discussed the status of the complaint on transportation. There have been some further communications and First Selectman A. Shilosky has subsequently sent a letter stating that the new administration stands in agreement with the previous administration in that the center is not able to accommodate transportation needs for for-profit businesses.
- 13. Adjournment:** R. Levine motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. G. Liverant seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Komoroski