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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday June 8, 2015 - Colchester Senior Center

Members Present: Chair Gary Siddell, Jean Stawicki, Goldie Liverant, Marion Stanavage, Jennifer Raybern DeHay

Members Absent: Rose Levine, Rob Gustafson, Wayne Mohrlein, Susan Choma

Others Present: Patty Watts, Art Shilosky, Mary Tomasi, Laura Falt

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chair G. Siddell called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
- 2. Possible Seating of Alternate:** G. Siddell seated alternate J. Rayburn DeHay as a voting member in the absence of a committee member.
- 3. Minutes:** P. Watts stated the volunteer luncheon that was held on 4/24 and was incorrectly dated in the May minutes. G. Liverant motioned to accept the May 11, 2015 meeting minutes with the change. M. Stanavage seconded. J. Raybern DeHay abstained. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Financial Report:** P. Watts reported the daily transportation collection in May was \$70.00 and out of town trips collection was \$70.00 for a monthly total of \$140.00. This brings the fiscal YTD total to \$3,207.25. The budgeted amount for the fiscal year was \$3,000. G. Siddell reported that the Commission on Aging donation account remains the same at \$14.70.
Jean Stawicki joined the meeting.
- 5. Chairman's Report:** G. Siddell reported there was discussion at a Board of Selectmen meeting regarding when to start talking about a new senior center again. There is consensus that it will need to be after the school building situation is decided on. The referendum for the school project will be held on June 16. The current proposal is to build the school without impacting taxes. If the referendum doesn't pass and the town needs to renovate the existing school, the project will cost the town an additional 9 million as there won't be state reimbursement. The town budget that was approved retained the printing & postage line for the Commission on Aging, but the line item for programming was cut. The Commission will continue to fundraise to support the Lunch & Learns. The purchase of the MySeniorCenter and installation was switched to the IT budget and supplies and copies were reduced for the senior center. The group discussed the percentage of over 55 citizens who use the center, the limitations of the building and the increasing membership.
- 6. Senior Center Director's Report:** P. Watts reported on recent and upcoming programming: the 6/12 SECT Regional event was cancelled, 6/17 iPad 101 workshop, 6/18 Bridal Shower Tea, 6/20 TRIAD sponsored shredding at Town Hall. This is free to the public, but non-perishable food item donation is requested for the food bank. 6/22 Father's Day BBQ, 6/24 Reflexology demo, 6/25 Angelo's Bakery Lunch and 6/29 an artist will teach a Fused Glass Jewelry Workshop. P. Watts stated that the budget passed including the MySeniorCenter program which will be up and running in July along with the new Policies & Procedures. There will now be formal membership along with an annual \$10 fee for out of town members. There was a Bingo Celebration held on May 15th for the acquisition of the new equipment. The callers are being trained on the use of the system and

when the renovations in the room are complete, there will be a press release. The 2nd annual CSC golf fundraiser will be held on 8/7 (9 holes) and 8/8 (18 holes). There will be a dinner reception for everyone at St. Joseph's Polish Club following Saturday's rounds. The center received a \$1,000 grant at the Lion's Club Annual Night of Giving for the Making Memories Program and there's a grant hearing on 6/11 at Senior Resources AAA which would also support the Making Memories Program. Patty will hear about the DOT municipal grant by the end of June and the grant to replace the wheelchair van by the end of July. Upcoming trips: 7/16 My Name is Barbara Lobster Bash, 8/13 Sail Away Aboard the Argia, 8/27 Foxwoods, 9/15 to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, 9/23 Big E, 12/2 Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular and 3/19-27/16 No-Fly Cruise to the Bahamas. Patty and G. Siddell are meeting with the Executive Director of the Wallingford Senior Center on 6/9 to discuss the self-assessment and accreditation process. Patty attended the CASCAP Annual Conference on 6/5 and will attend the CAMAE training for Municipal Agent on 6/10. She will be on vacation 6/15-26. May statistics: Attendance: 1,235 over 20 days. Transport info is not available yet. 121 Bistro and special meals served, N/A Community Café meals served and 502 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. 12 new members registered in May for a YTD total of 50 new members. There was discussion regarding membership signups and the town website, attracting the population of over 55 citizens and regionalizing the center.

7. **Review Revised Mission Statement Wording:** J. Stawicki reported that she met with S. Choma to remove elderly and aging from the Mission Statement and replace with citizens over 55. The group agreed that the Mission Statement should be short and simple. Jean will revise the proposal to tighten the language and present at the July meeting.
8. **Status of NCOA Accreditation and Community Outreach Initiative:** G. Siddell reported that the support for accreditation seems to be gaining momentum. He's received positive feedback from citizens and endorsement from the Board of Selectmen. He spoke about the need for a guiding body to steer all the committees who will do the legwork. They would also participate in community outreach. Initially they'd develop a strategy to fundraise in order to educate the community to garner support. J. Rayburn DeHay and M. Stanavage volunteered.
9. **Presentation of Nominations and Vote on New Commission on Aging Officers:** G. Siddell presented the following nominations: G. Siddell for Chair, J. Stawicki for Vice-Chair, none for Corresponding Secretary, and R. Gustafson and M. Stanavage for Treasurer. G. Liverant motioned to close the nominations. J. Stawicki seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Vote on G. Siddell for Chair. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Vote on J. Stawicki for Vice-Chair. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Vote on Treasurer was 3-1 in favor of M. Stanavage. MOTION CARRIED. J. Stawicki was appointed acting Corresponding Secretary.
10. **Old Business:** No items were reported.
11. **New Business:** No items were reported.
12. **Adjournment:** J. Stawicki motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. G. Liverant seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Komoroski