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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2016 - Colchester Senior Center

Members Present: Jean Stawicki, Ellie Phillips, Goldie Liverant, Rob Gustafson, Marjorie Mlodzinski, Linda Grzeika

Members Absent: Rose Levine, Marion Stanavage, Jennifer Raybern DeHay

Others Present: Patty Watts, Mary Tomasi, Andrea Migliaccio

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** J. Stawicki called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
- 2. Possible Seating of Alternate:** J. Stawicki seated L. Grzeika in lieu of a Commission absence.
- 3. Minutes:** E. Phillips motioned to accept the October 11, 2016 meeting minutes. G. Liverant seconded. R. Gustafson abstained. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Financial Report:** M. Mlodzinski reported that the Commission's balance is \$891.70. P. Watts reported the daily transportation collection for October 2016 was \$325.18 and out of town trips was \$138.00 for a total of \$463.18. The YTD total is \$1,313.28.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** P. Watts reported that Liz Shilosky has resigned as Making Memories Program Coordinator. The position has been posted and there is interim coverage until it is filled. The center was closed on Veteran's Day and will be closed on November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving. There will be no programs held on November 18th in preparation for the Holiday Fair. Energy Assistance appointments have begun and run through March 15, 2017. Medicare open enrollment runs from October 15th – December 7th. The center hosted an Open Enrollment event on November 4 and 19 people attended. The second will be on December 2nd by appointment. TVCCA's annual Thanksgiving meal will be served on November 16th followed with live entertainment by Christopher Adams. The annual Holiday Craft Fair & Open House is scheduled for Saturday, November 19 from 9-2. The Seasonal Crafting Group has completed a tree for the Wadsworth Festival of Trees and Traditions. This year's theme is, "It's all fun and games at the Colchester Senior Center". Current programming: AARP Meet the Candidates on 11/1, A new 6 week session of Live Well Workshop began on 11/2, Wii Bowling with East Hampton Senior Center on 11/3, Don't Hold Your Breath Lunch & Learn on 11/7, Veteran's Day Program on 11/10, Thanksgiving Celebration on 11/16, Holiday Cheer Decorating on 11/17, Basics & Safety of Online Shopping on 11/29 and Virtual Dementia Tour on 11/30. Upcoming Trips: Steamboatin' on the Mississippi 3/19-3/27/17, Jersey Boys at the Bushnell on 3/23/17, La Traviata at the Metropolitan Opera on 4/8/17, The Best of Alaska (land/cruise) from 6/12-6/25/17 and Great Trains & Grand Canyon trip from 10/8 – 10/13/17. September meals statistics were: 129 Bistro and special meals served, 141 Community Café meals served and 796 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. October statistics: Attendance: 1,389 over 20 days. Transports in October were 891. At the end of October, there were 966 active memberships in MySeniorCenter. J. Stawicki reported that there was a suggestion that P. Watts send her report out previous to the meetings for members to review. Members said they like to hear and discuss the report of the center's activities at the meeting but agreed to try it for a month or two.

- 6. Status of Strategic Team Planning Meetings:** P. Watts reported that they are meeting once a month. They've developed a Mission Statement, a Vision Statement and a SWOT Assessment. They've begun to work on a 5-year plan that should be completed by Spring.
- 7. Chairman's Report:** J. Stawicki reported that she received a resignation letter from R. Levine. The Commission expressed their gratitude to her for her years of service. Jean shared a Thank You from the Senior Center for the gift basket they donated. Jean also reported that she has changed her party affiliation which won't affect the balance of the Commission. The group discussed how to decide which alternate to recommend for Rose's vacancy. Jean will check to see if there is a particular party that is required.
- 8. Expiring Terms for Members:** G. Liverant, E. Phillips and L. Grzeika all have terms that expire in December. L. Grzeika is already on the Board of Selectmen's December Agenda for reappointment. Both G. Liverant and E. Phillips agreed to notify the Board of Selectmen of their interest to be reappointed.
- 9. Review of 2017 Meeting Dates:** The group agreed to submit the second Monday of the month for the 2017 meeting dates with the exception of October which will be held on the second Tuesday due to the Town's closure on Columbus Day.
- 10. Fundraising:** L. Grzeika reported that they are not able to get any further discounts on the car cane the group wanted to sell. After discussion, it was decided to drop the discussion as it would not prove profitable. The group thanked Linda for her work.
- 11. CoA Projects:**
 - 9a. Senior Resource Guide:** E. Phillips reported that after reviewing the document, she would like to vet the information again. She will divide it up and each member present agreed to take a couple of pages to work on. The new goal is completion in the first quarter of 2017.
 - 9b. New Project:** E. Phillips has worked on a beautiful basket for the Commission to donate to the Holiday Fair. Members have donated items for the theme, "It's For the Birds". G. Liverant motioned to reimburse E. Phillips for her expenses. M. Mlodzinski seconded. E. Phillips abstained. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.
- 12. Old Business:** No items were reported.
- 13. New Business:** No items were reported.
- 14. Citizen's Comments:** None.
- 15. Adjournment:** L. Grzeika motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. G. Liverant seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Komoroski