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## Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 8, 2016 - Colchester Senior Center

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

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

**Others Present:** Patty Watts, Mary Tomasi, Rosemary Coyle

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** J. Stawicki called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
- 2. Possible Seating of Alternate:** J. Stawicki introduced Linda Grzeika, the newly appointed alternate and seated her in lieu of a Commission absence.
- 3. Minutes:** E. Phillips motioned to accept the July 11, 2016 meeting minutes. M. Mlodzinski seconded. G. Liverant, R. Gustafson and L. Grzeika abstained. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Financial Report:** M. Mlodzinski reported that there is \$300 in the 2016-2017 town budget line and \$963.11 in the Commission's line item. P. Watts reported the daily transportation collection for July 2016 was \$98.00 and out of town trips was \$135.00 for a total of \$233.00. The YTD total is \$233.00.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** P. Watts began by thanking the Commission for the basket donation to the Golf Tournament fundraiser. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Golf Tournament will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and tickets are still available. Patty reported that there have been several Q&A sessions regarding the purchase of the senior center building. The next two will be on 8/9 at North Woods and 8/10 at Town Hall. The town meeting will be on 8/31 with an anticipated referendum date of 9/13. The widely used Enhanced Benefits Checkup program has been eliminated due to budget cuts. It will run through the end of September but is particularly painful to Colchester who made great use of this program. Social Services, CSC and Senior Resources will continue to meet client's needs. The center has a new flat-screen, smart TV purchased with fundraising proceeds and is used for Wii Bowling, screening movies, guest lectures and more. Louise Plocharczyk has announced her retirement after 34 years of driving for the senior center. There will be a party on 9/2 in her honor. MySeniorCenter renewals began in July and 174 out of 239 people were renewed last month. Patty also reported that the 14 passenger bus will be delivered on Friday. This was paid for by a grant that covered 80% with a cost sharing from the town of 20%. Current programming: I can't remember – When Forgetfulness becomes Serious on 8/9, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CSC Golf Tournament on 8/12 & 8/13, Trip presentation for Steamboatin' on the Mississippi on 8/15, USO Show & Luncheon on 8/16, Insurance Lunch & Learn with Liberty Mutual on 8/22, Keys to Consider: Dementia & Driving by the Alzheimer's Assn on 8/24 and Denim & Diamonds Regional Event at Port 'n Starboard on 9/30. Upcoming Trips: Foxwoods Casino bus share with Hebron on 9/28, Newport Playhouse on 10/3, Plimouth Plantation on 11/15, Chasing Rainbows at the Goodspeed on 11/21, Middlebury Christmas in VT from 12/7-12/9, Steamboatin' on the Mississippi 3/19-3/27/17 and Springtime Tulip River Cruise in the Netherlands from 4/6-

4/14/17. June meals statistics were: 64 Bistro and special meals served, 128 Community Café meals served and 606 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. July statistics: Attendance: 1,281 over 20 days. Transports in July were 986. At the end of July, there were 973 active memberships in MySeniorCenter.

6. **Status of Strategic Team Planning Meetings:** P. Watts reported that the site visit narrative is complete and ready to present to the Senior Center Sub-Committee. If the purchase of the building passes, the next step is to secure a location for a new center. R. Coyle added that they will also seek input from seniors who use the center as to what they are looking for in a building.
7. **Chairman's Report:** J. Stawicki passed around a thank you note from Goldie for the birthday gift she received from the Commission. J. Stawicki reported there will be a Freedom of Information training held in Colchester on 9/26 at 5 pm. Please register with Tricia Dean. The next Commission on Aging/Senior Center Regional Round Table Meeting will be on 9/19 at 2 pm at the East Haddam Senior Center. There will be 3 spots available to Colchester at the table but citizens are invited to watch if interested.
8. **Fundraising:** J. Stawicki found a website that compares several types of car escape tools. She will share the link with members and asked for input at the September meeting. She also displayed the basket the Commission put together for the Golf Tournament.
9. **CoA Projects:**
  - 9a. **Senior Resource Guide:** R. Levine will forward to E. Phillips for formatting.
  - 9b. **New Project:** P. Watts reported that Andrea Migliaccio will present "Good Cents" during September's National Senior Center Month.
10. **Old Business:** No items were reported.
11. **New Business:** M. Mlodzinski motioned to allow J. Stawicki to craft two letters to be submitted to the editor of the RiverEast in support of the purchase of 95 Norwich Avenue. One preceding the Town Meeting and one preceding the Referendum. R. Gustafson seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
12. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
13. **Adjournment:** G. Liverant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. M. Mlodzinski seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Komoroski