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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2016 - Colchester Senior Center

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

Members Absent: Marion Stanavage, Rob Gustafson, Rose Levine

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

- 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 both alternates in lieu of two member's absences.
- 3. Minutes:** G. Liverant motioned to accept the December 14, 2015 meeting minutes after adding the line "Elections will be held for the open Board positions at the January meeting." to Item 11. M. Mlodzinski seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Financial Report:** P. Watts reported the daily transportation collection in December 2015 was \$86. There were no out of town trips. The YTD total is \$1,709.81.
- 5. Vote on Recommendation to Fill Member Vacancy:** G. Liverant motioned to recommend M. Mlodzinski to the Board of Selectmen to fill the member vacancy. E. Phillips seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 6. Vote to Fill Vacated Officer Positions:** M. Mlodzinski motioned to move J. Stawicki to the open Chair position and name E. Phillips as Vice Chair. G. Liverant seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 7. Vote for Web Watcher:** E. Phillips motioned for M. Mlodzinski to take over checking and responding to email sent to the CoA email address. G. Liverant seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 8. Senior Center Director's Report:** P. Watts reported that she's currently working on the annual report. MySeniorCenter has been a great help in preparing for the report. Starting in January, the program is the only data tracking tool used, i.e. no more paper logs, which is resulting in a cost savings in both paper and labor. Total fundraising in 2015 was \$13,871.90 which is more than double the previous year. In the event of inclement weather, the Senior Center follows the Town Hall closings which are reported on WFSB and several radio stations. Patty has received great reviews for Rob Zappulla who performed Frank Sinatra music for the New Year's Bash & Brunch. The new intern will begin Jan 12th for approximately 16 hours per week for the next 11 weeks. D. Paty is working on the Energy Assistance Programs with clients who heat with electricity. P. Watts is also working on the 2017 budget. She is requesting a part time transportation coordinator to enhance efficiencies within the transportation program. The position would take the scheduling responsibility off the drivers so they can drive and would also serve as a back-up driver to cover sick or vacation time. Previously held programming: Understanding your Tablet on 1/6 and Make 'em Laugh Luncheon on 1/7. Upcoming programming: Explore Plant-Based Eating in the New Year on 1/11, Preparing Your Estate Plan with rep from Edward Jones on 1/13, SHARE Bereavement Group on 1/15, AARP Smart Driver Course on 1/15, "Colchester Comedy Club" on 1/21, Protect Yourself from Invisible Dangers in Your Home on 1/22, Sex after 75 on 2/3 and Chinese New Year on 2/8.

Upcoming Trips: 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 6/1-6/3, No-Fly Cruise to the Bahamas 3/19 – 3/27 Treasures of Northern California 9/5 – 9/13 and Tropical Costa Rica 11/5 – 11/13. December statistics: Attendance: 1,051 over 22 days. Transports in December were 1,006. 143 Bistro and special meals served, 127 Community Café meals served and 624 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. At the end of the month, there were 894 seniors registered in MySeniorCenter.

9. **Senior Resource Guide:** To be discussed in 14a.
10. **Status of Strategic Team Planning Meetings:** P. Watts reported that group met last Monday. They reviewed the 6 centers they visited. The last will be Wallingford this month. She hopes to have all the data compiled in a concise report by early spring to present to the Senior Center Sub-Committee. E. Phillips served as photographer and compiled a PowerPoint Presentation that is available upon request.
11. **Status of CoA Funding in Current Budget:** M. Mlodzinski reported that the Commission has \$1,170 in it's own budget line; \$840 for the clerk, \$300 for printing and \$30 for postage. There is also \$475.94 in another line containing the Commission fundraising. The group discussed how and when to use this money.
12. **Status of Purchase of Current Senior Center:** R. Coyle related that the sub-committee is meeting again on Thursday Jan 14th. They are looking at a site for a new senior center and discussing the use of the current building. J. Stawicki mentioned a lot of land adjacent to town hall that is for sale.
13. **Fundraising:** The group decided to wait until they've determined what to use funds for before holding more fundraisers. There is still a collection box at Noels that M. Mlodzinski volunteered to pick up. P. Watts added that the Lion's Annual Night of Giving is coming up and the Commission could apply for a grant.
14. **CoA Projects:**
 - 14a. **Senior Resource Guide:** R. Levine is working on revisions. The group discussed printing costs.
 - 14b. **New Project:** J. Stawicki asked members to come to the February meeting with some ideas for interesting programs. She suggested one on the Art of Positive Thinking that she and E. Phillips volunteered to research.
15. **Old Business:** E. Phillips presented a proposal for the Commission on Aging Annual Report. She asked members to offer feedback at the February meeting.
16. **New Business:** M. Mlodzinski motioned to submit a CoA Budget for the coming year in the same amount as last year except to add an additional \$500 for programming for a total of \$1,670. E. Phillips seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
17. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
18. **Adjournment:** G. Liverant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. M. Mlodzinski seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Komoroski