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## Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

### Monday, January 8, 2018 - Colchester Senior Center

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

**Members Absent:** Roberta Avery

**Others Present:** Patty Watts

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** J. Stawicki called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- 2. Minutes:** M. Mlodzinski motioned to accept the December 11, 2017 minutes. E. Phillips seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** M. Mlodzinski reported there is currently \$567.26 in the Commission on Aging line item and \$300 in the town's Commission on Aging line item for printing and publication. P. Watts reported that December daily transportation collected \$76.00 and trips collected \$86.00 for a total of \$162.00. YTD total is \$1,812.11.
- 4. Director of Senior Center Report:** P. Watts reported that the Strategic Plan for the Department of Senior Services was passed by the Board of Selectmen on December 7, 2017. She is very proud of their work and as chair, would like to thank members Linda Bromley, Rosemary Coyle, Becky Kowalczyk, Goldie Liverant, Bill Otfinoski, Ellie Phillips and Bob Weeks. This plan will serve the center for the next 5 years. She will send digital copies to all CoA members. The Medicare Savings Program changes will be on the table for discussion again by the Legislature. Implementation has been moved from January 1 to March 1, 2018. There has been a lot of pushback and some legislators are voicing their support to amend the changes. The senior center had a very busy holiday season with a lot of activity and record high attendance for events including the Christmas Celebration and the New Year's Brunch & Bash. "Harvesting Stones" will be screened at the senior center on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The Board of Finance will hold a budget forum on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Patty is working on an annual report for the senior center, finalizing all outcomes for 2017 which is part of the annual budget development process. The First Selectman has asked to build the cost of security cameras and a panic button into the FY 2019 budget to align the center's safety and security plan with Town Hall. There is a budget survey available now, found through a link on the town website, which seniors are encouraged to complete. The MySeniorCenter program is experiencing internal hardware issues and Patty is working with the IT department to resolve. The fundraising total for 2017 was \$16,653.67. These funds support senior center programs, services and supplies. The Holiday Box Program with Jack Jackter Intermediate School was featured in the *River East News Bulletin*, bringing attention to this special and heartwarming intergenerational collaboration. It served 26 needy seniors in Colchester this year. November meal statistics: 159 meals served on site, 341 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. Transports in October were 758. Monthly unduplicated attendance in December was 1,079 and active members at the end of December were 1,089.

5. **Status of Annual Report and Budget:** E. Phillips reported that M. Mlodzinski, R. Avery and herself have compiled a draft. The group discussed minor changes which E. Phillips will incorporate and email to members. J. Stawicki will submit to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion on their agenda. M. Mlodzinski inquired regarding the process of requesting the \$300 for printing and publication in the FY 19 budget. She will work with the Finance Department to complete.
6. **COA Projects:** M. Mlodzinski reported on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ruby Jubilee planning which will be held at Villa Louisa on 9/16/18 from 1:30-5:30. Tickets will be \$40 per person and sales will begin in May. The venue can accommodate 300 people. Discussion included advertising options. E. Phillips is working on securing a date for the CorePlus presentation on the dangers of scams.
7. **Commission Membership:** L. Grzeika was moved to a full member from alternate. This completes the full membership slate and leaves two open alternate positions.
8. **Old Business:** The group decided to provide refreshments after the "Harvesting Stones" presentation.
9. **New Business:** Discussion regarding the distribution of the Senior Resource Guide.
10. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
11. **Adjournment:** L. Grzeika motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:27. M. Mlodzinski seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Komoroski