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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2017 - Colchester Senior Center

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

Members Absent: Rob Gustafson, Marion Stanavage

Others Present: Patty Watts, Mary Tomasi, Andrea Migliaccio

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** J. Stawicki called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.
- 2. Minutes:** E. Phillips motioned to accept the May 8, 2017 meeting minutes. M. Mlodzinski seconded. All other members present voted in favor. J. Raybern DeHay abstained. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** P. Watts reported the daily transportation collection for May was \$110.00 and out of town trips was \$106.28 for a total of \$216.28 The May YTD total was \$2,783.94. M. Mlodzinski reported that the Commission on Aging has \$852.45 in their budget line item and there is \$300 in the town's budget for printing and publication.
- 4. Vote on Officers for Commission on Aging:** J. Stawicki, M. Stanavage and J. Raybern DeHay, as the nominating committee, presented the following slate: Chairperson, J. Stawicki; Vice-Chair, E. Phillips; Treasurer, M. Mlodzinski and Corresponding Secretary, available. G. Liverant volunteered for the Corresponding Secretary position. G. Liverant motioned to accept the slate. J. Raybern DeHay seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. J. Raybern DeHay motioned to vote in favor of the slate. M. Mlodzinski seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 5. COA Projects: Senior Resource Guide – Allocating of Additional Printing Funds:** The total cost to print 300 copies came to \$522.00 M. Mlodzinski motioned to allocate the additional \$22.00 for printing. G. Liverant seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. There was discussion on how to best disseminate the guides.
9:55 M. Stanavage joined the meeting.
- 6. Brainstorming for New Projects:** The group brainstormed ideas and goals. The 3 projects they decided on was hosting the CPTV movie, "Harvesting Stones" this fall, holding a Housing Fair in the Spring of 2018 and hosting a Gala event celebrating the 40th anniversary of the senior center in the Fall of 2018. E. Phillips and G. Liverant will work on the movie and will ask for donations to the food bank, M. Mlodzinski will begin work with guidance from P. Watts on the Housing Fair and the Gala Event.
- 7. Director of Senior Center Report:** P. Watts reported that the budget referendum is Tuesday, June 13th. D. Paty began a leave of absence for 4-8 weeks. Joyce Sypher has been trained to fill in and P. Watts will be handling the Renter's Rebate Program in Donna's absence. P. Watts and Becky attended the Annual CASCP conference and were encouraged to see they are scheduling programs that are right on trend. The speaker also discussed the importance of gathering data which is done through the MySeniorCenter program. This month, senior artwork is being displayed from 6 different exhibitors for the Senior Center Art Show. The best in 4 categories will be entered into a

Regional Art Show in July. A choral group from Jack Jackter will perform a Flag Day Concert at the senior center on June 13th at 12:30 pm. P. White and M. Bauman will attend a grant hearing on June 15th at Senior Resources for the funding of Making Memories. They will be notified of funding by the end of July. There will be a Creative Canvas Paint Night Fundraiser for the senior center on June 22nd at 6 pm. The Senior Chorale Group took a vote and re-named themselves "Senior Moments". They are performing at Apple Rehab and Harrington Court this month. They also provided entertainment for the Memorial Day Picnic. TVCCA will be holding a monthly contest to increase meals called "Summer Sweeps". Participants will be entered once for every meal they eat. A prize drawing will be held monthly. The center is currently collecting the following items for the Annual Holiday Fair: holiday décor, jewelry and holiday greeting cards. April meals statistics: 87 Bistro and special meals served, 85 Community Café meals served and 476 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. Monthly attendance in May was 1,127. Transports in April were 700. At the end of May there were 1,031.

8. **Strategic Planning Team Report:** P. Watts reported that the group is compiling data for the strategic plan. They will review the report at the June 26th meeting and hope to present to the Board of Selectmen in July. She will present to the Commission on Aging for their review as well.
9. **AARP Report:** M. Tomasi reported they installed the new officers and the next meeting will be in September.
10. **Old Business:** M. Mlodzinski reported that the Senior Center Subcommittee had its last meeting and the next step is to form a building committee. J. Stawicki questioned how the First Selectman's office advertises openings on Boards. Because the Commission on Aging membership is full, they only advertise alternate openings during the week and not with the weekend email blast.
11. **New Business:** None.
12. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
13. **Adjournment:** G. Liverant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:09. J. Raybern DeHay seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Komoroski