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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 13, 2017 - Colchester Senior Center

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

Members Absent: Rob Gustafson, Marjorie Mlodzinski, Marion Stanavage

Others Present: Patty Watts, Andrea Migliaccio, Linda Grzeika

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** J. Stawicki called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
- 2. Possible Seating of Alternate:** J. Raybern DeHay has filled the full member vacancy and L. Grzeika has resigned her alternate position because she has accepted the position of Republican Registrar of Voters. As such, she is unable to hold a Commission appointment per the Town Charter. There are no alternates to seat at this time.
- 3. Minutes:** G. Liverant motioned to accept the December 12, 2016 meeting minutes. E. Phillips seconded. All other members present voted in favor. J. Raybern DeHay abstained. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Recording Secretary and Alternate Positions:** J. Stawicki offered to stand in as recording secretary. Jean thanked Linda for all her hard work on the Commission. The group talked about ways to fill the 2 open alternate positions.
- 5. Financial Report:** P. Watts reported the daily transportation collection for December 2016 was \$173.00 and out of town trips was \$60.00 for a total of \$233.00. The December YTD total was \$1,814.28. Daily transportation collection for January 2017 was \$59.13 and out of town trips was \$149.00 for a total of \$208.13. The January YTD total was \$2,022.41. Daily transportation collection for February 2017 was \$54.00 and out of town trips was \$0.00 for a total of \$54.00. The February YTD total was \$2,076.41.
- 6. Senior Center Director's Report:** The group discussed what they'd like to hear in this report and decided that the programs and trips are advertised in the newsletter so don't need to be reported at the meeting. Patty will continue to highlight items that are not in the newsletter and report statistics. P. Watts reported that the purchase of the Lebanon Avenue property was unanimously approved at the February 2nd Town Meeting. Missy Bauman began as the Making memories Program Coordinator on January 9th and is doing a great job getting to know the participants and providing new and different programming. The 1,000th member of the Senior Center has been registered and was presented with a \$25 Visa gift card. The AARP Tax Aid appointments are full. Many surrounding sites have closed which has brought larger than usual volume to Colchester. Patty is working on 3 grants; one for out of town transportation, one for the replacement of the 18 passenger bus and one to fund the Making Memories program. Colchester Elementary School hosted a lovely Kindness Concert for the seniors of the community. They put a lot of effort into it, provided refreshments and donated needed items they had collected to the senior center. Patty requested ideas from the Commission on how to increase the number of seniors who attend events hosted by the schools. The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Event is scheduled for Friday, April 28th. The center will be closed operationally that day to honor all of the hardworking

volunteers. Last year, volunteers logged an incredible 5,800 hours! The Renters' Rebate will begin on April 1st and run through October 1st. November meals statistics were: 102 Bistro and special meals served, 145 Community Café meals served and 646 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. December meals statistics were: 100 Bistro and special meals served, 79 Community Café meals served and 642 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. January meals statistics were: 74 Bistro and special meals served, 87 Community Café meals served and 609 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. Monthly attendance in December was 960, January was 1,045 and February was 957. Transports in December were 802 and in January were 721. At the end of December, there were 983 active memberships in MySeniorCenter. The end of January had 994 active members and February showed 1,001.

7. **Status of Strategic Team Planning Meetings:** P. Watts reported that they continue to meet on a monthly basis and are currently working on the 5 year strategic plan. They should have a report published by May.
8. **Chairman's Report:** J. Stawicki reported the round table meeting will be held at the Hebron Senior Center on March 29th at 2 pm. They will be discussing senior housing. The group also discussed the lack of funding for Dementia and Alzheimer's.
9. **AARP Report:** No items reported.
10. **Fundraising:** No items reported.
11. **CoA Projects:**
 - 11a. **Senior Resource Guide:** E. Phillips reported that the Senior Resource Guide is completed!! She gave a special thanks to L. Grzeika for her work on the document. There was discussion regarding formatting and printing. Ellie asked each member to review their pages carefully and let her know by Friday if anything needs adjusting. She will then turn it over for printing.
12. **Old Business:** No items reported.
13. **New Business:** E. Phillips related that TVCCA has launched a loose change fundraiser for Meals on Wheels. If anyone is interested, please see her.
14. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
15. **Adjournment:** G. Liverant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. J. Raybern DeHay seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Komoroski