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## Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8, 2017 - Colchester Senior Center

**Members Present:** Jean Stawicki, Ellie Phillips, Marjorie Mlodzinski, Goldie Liverant

**Members Absent:** Rob Gustafson, Jennifer Raybern DeHay, Marion Stanavage

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

- 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 April 10, 2017 meeting minutes. E. Phillips seconded. All other members present voted in favor. G. Liverant abstained. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** P. Watts reported the daily transportation collection for March was \$78.00 and out of town trips was \$155.00 for a total of \$233.00 The March YTD total was \$2,309.41. The daily transportation donations for April were \$151.25 and the out of town trips were \$107.00 for a total of \$258.25, bringing the April YTD total to \$2,567.66. 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. COA Projects: Senior Resource Guide – Printing:** E. Phillips volunteered to get pricing. M. Mlodzinski motioned to authorize E. Phillips to spend up to \$500 total on printing. G. Liverant seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 5. Brainstorming for New Projects:** The group discussed planning some Lunch and Learn programs. J. Stawicki asked all members to come to the June meeting with some topics so they can pick one with the goal of sponsoring a program in the fall.  
**Goldie Liverant left the meeting at 9:15 am, leaving the group without a quorum.**
- 6. Director of Senior Center Report:** P. Watts reported that May is Older American's Month and this year's theme is "Age Out Loud!". The AARP Tax Aide program served 226 individuals between February 10<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>, which was an all-time high. Many other sites did not host this program this year so Colchester was inundated with out of town interest and operated at full capacity. WJJMS held a lovely Senior Ball featuring their Jazz Band and refreshments. About 20 seniors attended. There will be a Paint Night fundraiser at Creative Canvas on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm, proceeds to benefit the Colchester Senior Center. TVCCA is closed on May 12<sup>th</sup> and will not be providing a meal. There will be an Angelo's Bakery lunch instead. The center is collecting money to purchase supplies for a gift basket to be raffled off during TVCCA's Carnevale Gala Fundraiser for Meals on Wheels. P. Watts is working on staff evaluations this month. Luke Hajdasz has indicated that he is not able to help coordinate a Golf Tournament this year as he is leaving for college. The center is deeply grateful to him and his family for all of their efforts over the past few years. Cumulatively, Luke's efforts raised \$14,799.08 for the Colchester Senior Center. His goal was \$10,000. Becky is exploring the interest level in an adventure club, which would be senior-led. Different adventure experiences will be scheduled accordingly, i.e. hiking, biking, kayaking, cross country skiing, horseback riding, zip lining etc. The center is also collecting paper towel tubes and plastic berry containers for Parks and Rec to use in their summer program. There are collection baskets in the

dining room. The center will be closed on May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. February meals statistics: 61 Bistro and special meals served, 80 Community Café meals served and 462 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. March meals statistics: 123 Bistro and special meals served, 144 Community Café meals served and 484 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. Monthly attendance in March was 1,311 and April was 1,232. Transports in February were 634 and in March were 762. At the end of March there were 1,013 active memberships in MySeniorCenter. The end of April showed 1,021.

7. **Strategic Planning Team Report:** P. Watts reported that the group continues to meet once a month and plans to submit a full report comprised of the physical requirements of a new senior center along with a 5 year strategic plan, to the Board of Selectmen by July. M. Mlodzinski reported that the Senior Center Subcommittee will complete their report shortly and then a building committee will be formed.
8. **AARP Report:** M. Tomasi reported they hosted a speaker from Middlesex Hospital who provided information on strokes. They also made a donation to Meals on Wheels. The next meeting will install new officers.
9. **Old Business:** E. Phillips said she had extra piggy bank fundraisers for Meals on Wheels and will collect them at the June meeting.
10. **New Business:** J. Stawicki spoke about coming up with another idea for the Committee to work on. The group talked about how to do this. She asked members to be prepared to discuss at the June meeting.
11. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
12. **Adjournment:** 9:44 with the absence of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Komoroski