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Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2017 - Colchester Senior Center

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

Members Absent: Jennifer Raybern DeHay

Others Present: Patty Watts, Rosemary Coyle, Andrea Migliaccio, Mary Tomasi, Roberta Avery, Lynn Roberts

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** J. Stawicki called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
- 2. Minutes:** M. Mlodzinski motioned to accept the August 14, 2017 minutes. E. Phillips seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Financial Report:** M. Mlodzinski reported there is \$630.45 in the Commission on Aging line item and \$300 in the town's budget for printing and publication. P. Watts will report August transportation next month.
- 4. COA Projects:** The Harvesting Stones video presentation will be held on Wednesday evening, October 11th at 6 pm at Cragin Memorial Library. There is no admission charge but a donation of food for the Colchester Food Bank is requested. Both the library and the Colchester Historical Society are excited to work with the Commission on Aging and the Senior Center to present this history of immigrants from Eastern Europe to Eastern Connecticut. It will be introduced by Jerry Fischer, Director of the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut, who filmed the movie and donated it to the Commission. M. Mlodzinski and P. Watts have begun to plan the Gala to celebrate the senior center's 40th anniversary in September 2018.
- 5. Director of Senior Center Report:** P. Watts reported that Donna Paty has returned after an extended medical leave. She thanked Joyce Sypher who filled in during Donna's absence. Becky recently attended a Travelfest Presentation by Friendship Tours and is working on planning more of the very successful trips over the next 2 years. In August, the center filled an entire motor coach, without help from other towns, for a Luncheon Cruise around Lake George. The TVCCA Bistro meals were eliminated as of 9/1/17, but Patty was able to gain approval from the Nutrition Services Director to continue to serve meals 5 days a week. The Senior Center donated 2 large bins of non-perishable food items to the Colchester Food Bank as summertime continues to have low inventory. Renter's Rebate season ends on October 1st and Energy Assistance will begin on September 20th. Patty also reported that she has presented "Everything You Didn't Know About Your Senior Center" to senior groups. The group discussed other venues to approach and ideas to include. The State Department on Aging has passed the Connecticut State Plan on Aging. It can be found at www.ct.gov/agingservices under Publications. July meals statistics: 161 meals served on site and 401 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. Transports in July were 706. Monthly unduplicated attendance in August was 1,809 (usually attendance drops in August!). At the end of August there were 1,054 active members.
- 6. Strategic Planning Team Report:** No items were reported.
- 7. Old Business:** No items were reported.

8. **New Business:** J. Stawicki reported the next Commission on Aging/Senior Center round table meeting will be in October. The group discussed the effect of no state budget on the new senior center project. Patty related some issues that the lack of parking spaces are creating.
9. **Citizen's Comments:** R. Avery and L. Roberts spoke of their interest in the Commission and the group discussed meeting times.
10. **Adjournment:** M. Stanavage motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:34. M. Mlodzinski seconded. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Komoroski