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MINUTES COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: January 18, 2017 at 7:30 AM

Present: Kaye Peltier, Stuart Mulhane, Marie Kosiba, Lee Ayotte, Edna LaPan, Steve Walinsky, and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Richard Townsend, Margaret Masmanian, Kevin Higginbottom, Sarahbeth Persiani and Betty Hamilton

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion to accept the December minutes was made by Edna LaPan. Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote: unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a letter from the Millbury Savings Bank stating that they are again pledging \$25,000. to the Fuel Fund. The Community Energy Assistance Program was established in 2005 for the low-income residents of Millbury and Sutton. Ms. O'Connor explained that she takes the applications and the Bank sends out the payment to the utility companies. Last year she completed 60 applications through this program.

We received an e-mail from the Town Clerk regarding the signature sheets that are done every year regarding the assessment training program. This is for all employees, Boards and Committee members. Ms. Peltier informed the Board members that the training needed to be completed and that the computers at the Senior Center were available after the meeting.

Ms. O'Connor received an e-mail from the Town Manager stating that he will be holding staff meeting with all the Department Heads. The next scheduled meeting will be Jan. 19th at 2:30 PM at the Library.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. *Budget and Finance* – Ms. Peltier reported that the budget sub-committee met with Bernie Plante and went over the entire budget. The next step would be to meet with the Town Manager.
- B. *Personnel* – The Board members discussed future staffing positions for the COA. Questions were asked regarding the Formula Grant monies used for staff and if they had to belong to the Town Unions. These monies are not guaranteed every year. Ms. O'Connor will contact the State's EOE office for advice.
- C. *Nominating* – No Report

- D. Legislative – Ms. Peltier went over the changes to Medicaid and the Mass Health look back. She also noted that there still maybe 9C cuts by the Governor.
- E. Senior Center Usage: - Waiting for the Masons request for the Blood Driver in March and the Lions Club date for the annual dinner for the elderly.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Ms. O'Connor reported on some of the equipment problems here regarding the new tables falling down. The custodian put new brackets on them to hold them firm.

Director's Report- Ms. O'Connor reported that the cancellation of many exercise classes were due to weather and illness. The transportation service figures are up. The monthly report was given to all members present.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-Both Ms. Peltier and Ms. O'Connor attended the meeting and reported on the PCA program changes along with the new protective services regulation.

Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor - Ms. O'Connor reported that she would like to add a person to assist in the Friendly Visitor program. This would be monies used from our formula grant. The person we used last year was unable to do it this year. We are working with the students at the Assumption school to provide a fun program.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O'Connor reported that she would like to see if the minimum wage we are using for this program can be increased One Senior worker left the program. She will check with the Town Manager. The federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour.

Special Gift Committee: This sub-committee will call a meeting now that the Holiday season is over.

Newsletter: The Board members reviewed the new look of the monthly newsletter and were pleased with what the staff has done. We are now using a local printing company

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. – Ms. O'Connor reported that the new replacement Van will arrive in May or early June. The "Friends" group will have to raise the 20% needed to for the purchase. The State will provide the 80% balance. The amount needed is \$12,500. She will be looking for donations and they are planning a couple of fund-raisers.

New Business:

Sub-committees – Ms. Peltier stated that she would like the Board members to choose what committees they would like to serve on. She will hand-out questionnaires.

The Board members discussed the possibility of opening a dialogue with the new company that bought the Providence/Worcester RR.

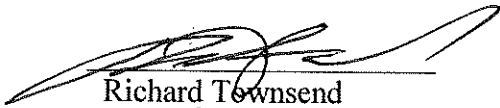
OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Walinsky discussed the repair of the parking lot that was provided by Lynch. He asked if a thank you had been sent. They did a great job putting asphalt in the large pot hole that was in the middle of the parking area.

A motion to adjourn at 8:45 AM was made by Marie Kosiba. Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. O'Connor

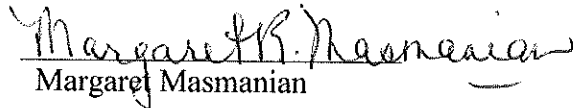


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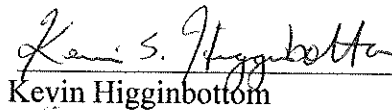


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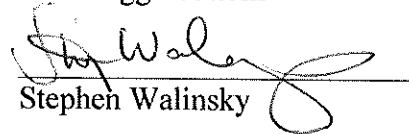
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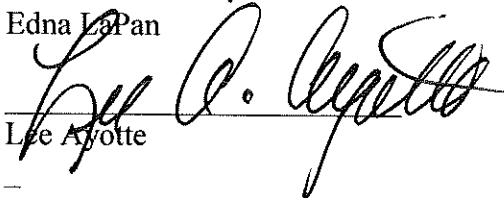
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