

MINUTES

COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: February 15, 2012 at 7:30 A.M.

Present: Lorraine Hayes, Helen Mankevetch, Lee Ayotte, Stuart Mulhane, Steve Walinsky, Edna LaPan, Margo Masmanian, Marie Kosiba and Judith A. O'Connor

Absent: Betty Hamilton, Richard Townsend and Everett Grahn

Vouchers: Signed by all members present.

Minutes: A motion to accept the February minutes was made by Stuart Mulhane Seconded by Marie Kosiba, Vote unanimous.

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- B. *Personnel* – Mrs. O’Connor stated that she spoke with the Town Manager regarding the Adm Asst position in the COA office. She would like to see this be a non-union position. She is the only employee that’s non union and for days off a regular staff person, that’s called in, would get time and half. She is also looking to increase the hours of that position to 19 hours some time in the future.
- C. *Nominating* – .No report given.
- D. *Legislative* – Mrs. O’Connor reported that Medicare is still an issue along with prescription drugs.
- E. *Senior Center – Policy Committee-* Millbury High School’s National Honor Society will hold a senior/senior prom here in April.
Mr. Ayotte updated the Board on the Senior Center Policy for usage. All members received a draft copy and discussion followed. The suggestion was that the Ad Hoc Committee meet before the next meeting to do a final draft.. The sub-committee members are Rick Townsend, Lee Ayotte, Stu Mulhane and Steve Walinsky.
- F. *Building Maintenance* – The custodian is looking into some minor issue that we can have the Sheriff’s dept. address.

Director’s monthly report. - Was given to all those present.

Old Business

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Mrs. O’Connor reported that Elder Services will be moving it’s Main office from Chandler St. to 67 Millbrook St. Worcester. This merges all the services that they provide into on building

Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor – Mrs. O’Connor reported that the “helping hands” program, has had some set-backs as there is no snow. The teens are now looking towards Spring.

Elder Community Service – We are still looking for qualified individuals .There’s now a special need in the Assessors office and they are down two employees and are in need of daily coverage.

WRTA Update – Mrs. O’Connor reported that her transportation budget will increase 5% for the purchase of Gas. She has asked the Town Manager if the “Friends” group could buy the gas from the Town. Starting July 1st the “Friends” will purchase gas at a 20 to 30 cents a gallon savings. This equates to about \$3,000. a year. By doing this we can offer more rides.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ayotte would like to have the executive director arrange for an informational talk on a different topic each month, that will inform the Board members of our different programs and services that we provide.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mrs. O'Connor reported that the Masons' Blood Drive was very successful. They gave us \$200.00 worth of gift certificates to Gorette's for our food pantry.

TREASURER REPORT:

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 AM was made by Steve Walinsky. Seconded by Lorraine Hayes. Vote Unanimous

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith O'Connor


Richard Townsend



Marie Kosiba


Helen Mankevetch


Margaret Masmanian

Stuart Mulhane

Everett Grahn


Betty Hamilton


Lorraine Hayes


Edna LaPan

Stephen Walinsky


Lee Ayotte