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MILLBURY, MASS.

MINUTES COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: February 17, 2016 at 1:00 PM

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

Absent: Everett Grahn, Lorraine Hayes, Stuart Mulhane, Betty Hamilton and Richard Townsend

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion to accept the January minutes was made by Lee Ayotte. Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote: unanimous.

Correspondence

We received a Flyer from the Town Planner regarding the Master Plan. Board members Lee Ayotte and Kaye Peltier will work on gathering information. Ms. O'Connor was appointed to the Master Plan committee by the Town Manager. The Board members would like to encourage the elderly to share and give in-put to the future needs of Millbury. A second flyer was received for the "Visioning Workshop" to be held here at the Senior Center on March 15th at 7:00 PM. Ms. O'Connor will ask the Planner to fill out a request to use the room form.

We received a flyer regarding the "Greening your Community" workshop that is being sponsored by CMRPC, Mass Audubon, Horsley & Witten Group and the Blackstone River Coalition on Feb. 25th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

We received an e-mail from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation explaining their new grant program to support active living and healthy and to train leaders to provide workshops.

We received an e-mail from the department of Public Health asking us to save the date of June 8th for the Aging with Dignity Conference at Holy Cross College.

We received a save the date from the Worcester County Food Bank for a workshop on Feb. 24th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM for a community meeting on kids health, hunger and housing issues. It will be held at the Worcester Public Library in the Banx Room.

Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* – Ms. O'Connor explained that we are waiting to hear from the Town Manager regarding our budget.
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor explained that she was told by the Town Manager that he would recommend that one of the Jr. Clerks be allowed 19 hours a week and that the

other Jr. clerk would remain at 15 hours per week. We would also discuss the Adm Asst position with him.

C. Nominating – No report

D. Legislative – No report

E. Senior Center – Usage Committee- The Master Plan committee is looking to use the large function room on March 15. Ms. O'Connor will need to find a staff person to open and close the building as she has scheduled an event with the Seniors away from the Center.

F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Ms. O'Connor explained that during the last snow storm the plow driver ripped the top of the driveway. The Board members instructed Ms. O'Connor to contact the DPW to see if it could be repair in the Spring. The regular snow plowing is good, but we seem to be the last town building plowed.

Director's Report- Ms. O'Connor reported that she is going to write two grants that are very important to the transportation service. One grant will be for a replacement vehicle and the other grant is for operation funds. The operation funds are needed to continue the transportation service being offered to the disabled clients (beyond ADA) for early AM service to job sites.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Peltier attended the monthly meeting and reported on the One Care Program as they have extended the contract with Tufts for only 3 months to see if the billing issues still remained a problem. The Living Well Supportive Day Care has closed effective 1/1/16. Most of the clients met the eligibility for the Adult Day Health Program and one client will attend programs at the Worcester Senior Center. There was also an update on the Care Transitions Program. Our Nutrition Program is looking to do some special luncheons to encourage more participation. They are having a Hot Dog Bar on March 16th.

Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor - Ms. O'Connor reported on the M.O.V.E. and "Helping Hands" program.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O'Connor reported that she re- advertised in the news media to find more individuals to enroll in this program. We will again ask for a \$20,000 article to put on the Town Meeting Warrant continue this program.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The "Friends" Group looking to have a large fund-raiser in the Spring. They are also ordering the 2nd round of Bricks for the Memory Walk. She reminded the Board that the Friends group is the sole sponsor of the transportation program with a contract with the WRTA. They raise the additional monies needed to run the program.

Dates to Remember: March 15th the Master Plan Committee Meeting – March 19th the Blood Drive sponsored by the Masons.

A motion to adjourn at 2:15 PM was made by Edna LaPan. Seconded by Marie Kosiba . Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.

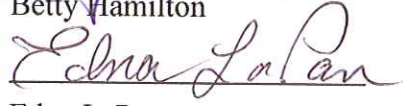
Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. O'Connor

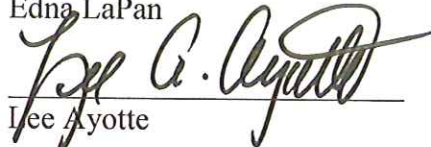

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