

**MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL ON AGING**

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Date: February 19, 2014 at 7:30 A.M.

Present: Stephen Walinsky, Margaret Masmanian, Lee Ayotte, Stuart Mulhane, Edna LaPan, Marie Kosiba, and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Helen Mankevetch, Everett Grahn, Betty Hamilton, Lorraine Hayes and Richard Townsend.

Vouchers: The vouchers were signed by all members present

Minutes: A motion to accept the January minutes was made by Lee Ayotte, Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote unanimous.

**Correspondence**

We received a memo from the Town Manager regarding an Open Meeting Law Seminar on Feb. 13, 2014 followed by a follow-up memo regarding the new date of Feb. 20, 2014 at 6PM. The postponement was due to a snow storm.

We received an e-mail from Joe D'Ambra, Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator from the Worcester County Sheriff's office He attached the new brochure of new changes regarding this program and looks forward to working with us.

We received an e-mail from Elder Service of the Merrimack Valley offering free educational sessions regarding the Mass Senior Medicare Patrol Program

We received a letter from the Mass Bar Assoc. offering a speaker for the 2014 Elder Law Education Program. The Program is being offered May 1-31. Mrs. O'Connor will request a lawyer and schedule the program regarding "taking control of your future".

We received an e-mail from a respirator student from Quinsigamond Community College looking to provide an informational program regarding pulmonary disease "drive4COPD" Mrs. O'Connor will contract Ms. Flynn and schedule a presentation.

We received a letter from the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Mass inviting us to their annual Arthritis Charity Ball on March 29, 2014.

**Report of Standing Committee**

**A. Budget & Finance** – Mrs. O'Connor stated that she has not heard from the Town Manager regarding our F.Y. '15 budget. In the past the Town Manager has scheduled meetings with each department to go over their respected budgets. She will notify Mr. Townsend and Mr. Walinsky when the meeting is scheduled.

- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O’Connor stated that there will be no Adm. Assistant. position added to this year’s budget.
- C. *Nominating* – no report
- D. *Legislative* – Mrs. O’Connor stated the concerns are for the Town regarding local aid.
- E. *Senior Center – Policy Committee-* No requests at this time.
- F. *Building Maintenance/Equipment.* – Mrs. O’Connor reported that because of the many snow storm the custodian has been unable to check on the leak in the ceiling in the Men’s room. There is also a problem with one of the heating units for the building. The custodian is waiting for the HVAC contractor to get the replacement part. In the meantime we use space heater in the main function hall.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-* Mrs. O’Connor reported that the monthly board meeting of Elder Services was cancelled due to the snow storm. Ms. Kosiba reported on the success of the Tuesday morning free breakfast program.

*Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor* – The “Helping Hands” program for snow removal is going well; calls are received daily. This program is extremely successful.

*Elder Service Work-off Program* - The Town Manager has placed a warrant article for the F.Y. 15 town meeting to continue this program. The amount requested is \$20,000. There is one concern that the minimum wage will go up and if that happens the number of hours available would change. Instead of an individual being able to work 200 hours it would change to 140 hours, but the total benefit would still be the max of \$1,500. in a calendar year..

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. - The “Friends” group is in need of a replacement van. A motion was made by Edna LaPan that we allow Mrs. O’Connor to assist the Friends groups with making the application with the State for a replacement vehicle. Seconded by Stuart Mulhane. Vote Unanimous. In the past it was a paper application and this year it’s a totally electronic application. Mr. Ayotte worked out the numbers for the bricks in the memory walk. Mrs. O’Connor was instructed to speak to the Town Manager and make him aware of the Plan, The “Friends will sell the bricks for \$50.00 for a 4” by 4” and \$100.00 for 4” by 8”, both with engraving.

Mr. Ayotte reported on the Brochure for the Council on Aging and the Senior Center All in attendance reviewed the draft and it was decided to hold another sub-committee meeting Mr. Walinsky will insert pictures for the final draft and present it at the next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS;

Mrs. O’Connor reported that she would start working on summer concerts. The number of concerts depends on finding funding and donations.

TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through February – Casella, \$114,58, , Ray's True Value \$27.18, NStar, \$379.52, Direct Energy, \$514.26, Powers \$40.00 & 65.00 Nat. Grid \$607.20; Belmont Spring \$5.38, Aquarion \$254.94; Northeast Elec. \$83.20; W.B. Mason \$44.95 EOE A Formula Grant 0,

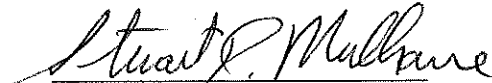
A motion to adjourn at 9:30 AM was made by Edna LaPan. Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7:30 A.M.

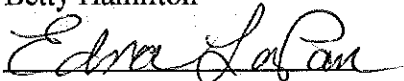
Respectfully submitted,  
Judith O'Connor

  
Richard Townsend

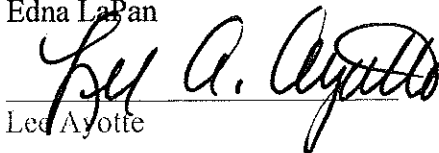
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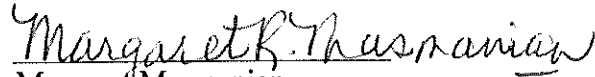
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