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

Date: March 16, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Present: Richard Townsend, Edna LaPan, Marie Kosiba, Stuart Mulhane, Lee Ayotte, Kaye Peltier, Betty Hamilton Margaret Masmanian and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Everett Grahn, Lorraine Hayes, and Steve Walinsky

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

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

**Correspondence**

We received a letter from Secretary of State Galvin announcing the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Senior Art Exhibit "Paint Your Favorite Memory". Entries are due by July 1, 2016. Requirements and authorization forms are located on the State web site or are available at the Senior Center.

We received a letter from the Mass Bar Association inviting us to once again have an Attorney come to the Senior Center for the Elder Law Education Program. The program is offered May 1-31. We will schedule this event.

We received an e-mail from EOEI announcing COA Board Trainings. All members present were given the dates and times of the sessions.

We received an e-mail from EOEI reminding us that MAY is Older American Month and that if we are planning an event please notify them.

Elder Services of Worcester is sponsoring a caregivers event for Digital Technology, Social Media & Apps training on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Leicester Senior Center. They are also offering a 6 week workshop for caregivers beginning on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holden Senior Center.

Mrs. O'Connor read 2 thank you notes from elderly clients thanking us for all we do especially for the transportation services and the food pantry. She noted that she gets these kinds of notes often and felt that the Boards needs to hear about them every so often.

**Report of Standing Committee**

- A. *Budget & Finance* – Ms. O'Connor explained that the Town Manager has kept our budget as we requested with the exception of adding the position of Adm. Asst. He allowed one of the Jr. Clerks an increase in hours from 15 to 19 weekly.
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor explained how the Catholic Charities program works regarding the Senior Aide. We currently have an Aide, but she has to look for other job

positions every week, so her time with us may be very limited. Currently she is supervising many social activities for us.

C. Nominating – No report

D. Legislative – No report

E. Senior Center – Usage Committee - The Blood Drive sponsored by the Manson's will be here on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We have had no other requests.

F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Ms. O'Connor explained that DPW was working around the side and back of our building. They seem to have located a man hole they were looking for. It's right outside the kitchen door in the driveway. They are planning to dig in a few weeks.

Director's Report- Ms. O'Connor reported that she received a grant for replacement tires for one of the Friends Vans. The grant was for 90% of the cost with the match of 10%. She also attended the Master Plan Committee meeting and is working with the school to get input from the students regarding their views for the future.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-* Ms. Peltier attended the monthly meeting and reported on the Service Care options and the SCO's there are currently 5 providers. Our Nutrition Program is looking for some home delivered meals drivers. Ms. O'Connor stated she has advertised for them in the Senior News.

*Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor -* Ms. O'Connor reported on the M.O.V.E. program. The volunteers will be reading to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the Shaw school.

*Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O'Connor reported that the Town Manager ask for a \$20,000 article to put on the Town Meeting Warrant continue this program. She would also like to add a few more people to the Program.*

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The "Friends" Group is going to order the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Bricks for the Memory Walk.

Master Plan...Ms. O'Connor reported on the meetings she attended. She gave a Mass population stat on the number of individuals 60+. Currently the town of Millbury has more individuals 60+ than individuals under the age of 18. Mr. Ayotte and Ms. Peltier have been compiling information, and he presented a draft letter to send to the Master Plan committee. They both attended the Master Plan evening session and reported on the concerns of those people that were present. Mr. Ayotte then asked for a sub-committee to be formed to better address the concerns of the growing elder population (baby boomers). Mr. Townsend appointed Mr. Ayotte, Ms. Peltier and Mr. Walinsky to this sub-committee. This committee will address housing needs, transportation and other issues that concern the elderly.

New Business:

The COA has applied for a grant with the Millbury Fire Dept. to provide some informational workshop and demonstrations. They are planning to reach out of those frail elderly in need of smoke detectors.

Dates to Remember:


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

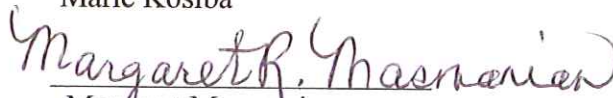
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. O'Connor

Richard Townsend


  
Kaye Peltier

  
Marie Kosiba


  
Margaret Masmanian

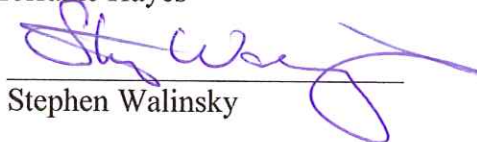
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