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COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: March 18,, 2015 at 7:30 A.M.

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

Absent: Everett Grahn, Steve Walinsky and Lorraine Hayes.

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed by all members present at this meeting.

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

Correspondence

A letter from the Community Enterprise Supported Living Services announcing the Adult Family Care Program. They are looking for individuals to bring participants into their homes. They would receive a monthly tax free stipend There is also A Foster Adult Care Program.

A Letter was received from the Millbury Housing Authority regarding the power being turned off so a new generator could be connected.

We received a letter from the Mass Bar Assoc. announcing the 2015 Elder Law Education Program. The program is being offered from May 1 – 31. Ms. O'Connor will schedule a day for a lawyer to do a presentation at the Senior Center. They are also inviting us to the Statewide Competition Finals of a Mock Trial on March 27, at 10 AM in the Great Hall at Faneuil Hall Boston.

A letter from the MA Department of Public Health announcing the Annual Mass

Received a Flyer from the MA Department of Public Health announcing the Annual Mass Suicide Prevention Program on April 29th & 30th in Framingham.

We received an e-mail from the Exec. Office of Elder Affairs announcing the Statewide Transportation Coordination Meeting to be held on May 5th in Marlboro. Ms. O'Connor will attend this conference.

Report of Standing Committee

A. **Budget & Finance** –Ms. O'Connor has not heard from the Town Manager regarding a meeting on our Budget. He did mention that he added funds for a replacement person. We have been down a staff person for 2 years.

B. **Personnel** - Ms. O'Connor reported that she met with the Town Manager regarding the staffing issue. The request was for 7 weeks off without pay. The staff person does not qualify for the FMLA. The Town Manager stated that he would not approve more than 2 weeks per year.

- C. Nominating – No report
- D. Legislative – We are waiting to hear the results for funding from the Cherry Sheet.
- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee- We have one request from the Baptist Church to use the Hall on May 2nd from 1 PM to 4 PM. Edna LaPan will open and close that Building. A Motion was made by Stuart Mulhane to allow the Millbury Baptist Church to use the Main Room on May 2nd. Seconded by Margo Masmanian. Vote Unanimous.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. –The Board members discussed the large amount of snow in the parking and the on-going water drainage problem.

Director's Report- The participation at the Center was down due to snow day closings. The town manager closed the center 2 days (no staff working) and one day only Ms. O'Connor came to work. The Center was only open 17 days in February. We average 21 days a month regularly.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. O'Connor reported that Elder Services was concerned with the closing of another Adult Day Health Center. The Dream Center in Shrewsbury closed abruptly a week ago. All the clients were sent to other facilities. We will also be offering some special event Nutrition Luncheons. There will be a Soup Bar and a soup and sandwich day. We are looking to bring the participation back up at the noon lunch.

Intergenerational Programs./ Friendly Visitor Ms. O'Connor stated that we are still using our "Helping Hands" teens with our snow removal program.

Elder Service Work-off Program – We have added 3 more individuals to this program..

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The Friends Group needs to actively fund-raise for the 20% match needed for the new replacement vehicle. The Board discussed and made suggestions of who should be contacted for donations. The Food pantry has received several donations and Ms. O'Connor acknowledged what a wonderful job is being done by Marie Kosiba.

She also has a group of volunteers who go to the Worcester County Food Bank with her to pick-up the items we need.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Millbury Savings Bank is again sponsoring the Community Fuel Assistance Program. Ms. O'Connor takes the applications and the Bank sends the check to the vendor for the clients in need.

Free Income Tax preparation is again being done by Anna Lewendowski. She is not doing E-filing just paper returns.



TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through March – Letourneau, \$125.00, Direct Energy, \$740.63, Nat. Grid \$506.20; Belmont Spring \$2.89, W. B. Mason \$265.91, Grainger \$78.60, Eversource \$477.91, Friends \$ 39.96 & 162.18 Powers \$64.00., Solar Credits \$192.77.


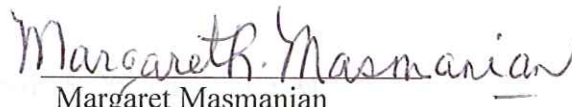
A motion to adjourn at 8:25 AM was made by Margo Masmanian. Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. O'Connor

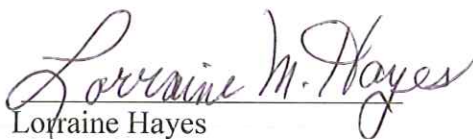

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