

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

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

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

Absent: Helen Mankevetch, Everett Grahn, Betty Hamilton, Lorraine Hayes and Steve Walinsky.

Vouchers: The vouchers were signed by all members present

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

**Correspondence**

We received a letter from the RSVP Director thanking us for signing the MOU and asking if we would fill out the in-kind report for the Community Match of contributions that we provided. This would include transportation, meals, training and all related volunteer services.

We received an announcement regarding an Osteoporosis Prevention Exercise & Nutrition Program being held at the Worcester Senior Center. It a free 12 week course starting April 8, 2014 that being sponsored by The Central Mass Agency on Aging and the Exec. Office of Elder Affairs.

We received an announcement for Elder Care 2014, being held May 6 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Manor, West Boylston, MA. This includes Informative Seminars, Health screenings and entertainment. The event is Free

**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. There was discussion regarding the budget presentation made by the Town Manager and there were concerns about a reduction in staff position.
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor stated that Catholic Charities' senior employment service offered an additional worker. The employment time is 1 year. The first worker started in July and the second on in March so we would have a worker in the office o at least 7 months into the next F.Y. year.
- C. *Nominating* – no report
- D. *Legislative* – Mrs. O'Connor stated that the concerns are with the Budget for all elder service agencies.

- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee- No requests at this time.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Mrs. O’Connor reported that the custodian is waiting for the snow to end to check the roof of the building. The custodian had the HVAC contractor back to get a replacement part for another heating unit.

OLD BUSINESS

*Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-* Mrs. O’Connor reported that Elder Service will be expanding and adding to more staff. Board members were given the new Financial Eligibility for yearly income, monthly income and co-pay for individuals in need home care services.

*Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor* – We have a few more volunteers for the M.O.V.E. program and we will be reading to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Shaw school..

*Elder Service Work-off Program* – Our major concern regarding this programs is if the min wage go up. This would mean less hours for the programs using the same money. The also added two new contracts for home care. They are Advance Home Care and Associated Home Care.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. - The “Friends” group has filled out the application for the new replacement van through the efforts of Mrs. O’Connor . Mrs. O’Connor reported that she spoke to the Town Manager regarding the “Memory Walk” and the Friends group selling the bricks. She explained that it was a fund-raiser for the up keep of the garden He told her it was OK and he approved.

The Board suggested that the “Friends” President explain “What is a Friend” in a public notice. You do not have to join the “Friends to come to the Senior Center. The Senior Center is open to all Millbury residents 60 years and older at no cost.

Discussion followed regarding the Food Pantry. Mrs. O’Connor stated that there are 123 families register. She will be meeting with Mr. Goretti to see if a plan can be made to enlarge the food pantry. The “Friends group is the major sponsor of the Pantry.

Mr. Ayotte and Mr. Townsend were going to get prices and report back on the .Brochure for the Council on Aging and the Senior Center The final draft will be presented at the next meeting.

Summer concerts: Mrs. O’Connor has scheduled: June 19<sup>th</sup> The Irish Express, July 24<sup>th</sup> the Abletones and Aug.21<sup>st</sup> The Eddie Foreman Polka Band. Concerts will be held rain or shine.

NEW BUSINESS;

Fuel Asst. Program: Mrs. O’Connor reported that she is still taking application for this program that is sponsored by the Millbury Savings Bank.

Free Tax Preparation Program is being offered by volunteer Anna Lewandowski two da per week until the 8<sup>th</sup> of April.

TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through March – Casella, \$114,58, , Ray’s True Value \$24.40, NStar, \$393.51, Direct Energy, \$598.56, Powers \$44.00., Nat. Grid \$671.14;

Belmont Spring \$5.38, Cooling & Heating \$746.80; Gainger \$.77.88; W.B. Mason \$12.99, C & S Lumber \$5.38 EOE Formla Grant Postage \$213.22.

A motion to adjourn at 8:50 AM was made by Marie Kosiba. Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

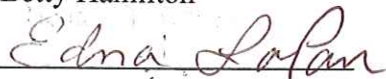
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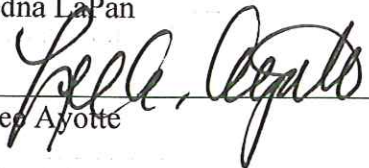
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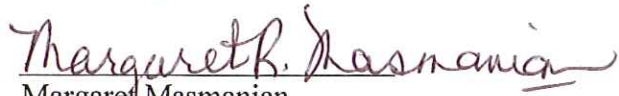
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