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COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: April 15, 2015 at 7:30 A.M.

Present: Richard Townsend, Edna LaPan, Margaret Masmanian,, Marie Kosiba, Kaye Peltier, Lee Ayotte, Lorraine Hayes and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Everett Grahn, Steve Walinsky, Betty Hamilton and Stuart Mulhane.

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

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

Correspondence

A Memo was received from the Town Manager's office regarding the Town of Millbury Sexual Harassment Policy/Protected Classes Policy. All municipal departments must provide all employees and official a copy of the Policies and return the acknowledgement signed by each person and witnessed. All Board members and staff personnel have received their copies.

We received a letter from the Leicester Council on Aging informing us that they are hosting a Board Training on May 27th. The training is being done by the Exec, office of Elder Affairs.

We received an E-mail from Millbury High School Science Instructor Bonnie Nieves confirming the Health Fair to be held at the Library on May 21st from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM. This is part of the Service Learning Grant Program .

We received a letter from Secretary of State Galvin announcing the 19th annual Senior Art Exhibit Contest. Deadline for entries is July 1, 2015 and applications can be picked up here at the Center.

A letter from the Catholic Charities, Senior Aide Program announcing that the Senior Aide can now work additional hours through June 30th. Mrs. O'Connor reported that the aide in the COA office is not interested in working extra hours. It would affect other benefits that she currently receives.

Report of Standing Committee

A. *Budget & Finance* –Ms. O'Connor has not heard from the Town Manager regarding our Budget, and she has not seen the final budget that he is presenting at Town Meeting.

B. *Personnel* – Our Staffing issues were discussed.

- C. Nominating – No report
- D. Legislative – We are looking for more monies for the Formula Grant
- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee- No requests at this time. Mr. Townsend reported on the Blood Driver that was sponsored by the Manson. They were very disappointed in the turn out and they may not do it next year.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – We are waiting for the DPW Director to let us know what the plan is for the flooding problem in the driveway.

Director's Report- Mrs. O'Connor reported that she completed 65 Fuel Asst. applications for the Millbury Savings Bank Program. The Bank program supplied \$25,000. for those in need. She also reported that the Anna Lewandowski served 93 Clients with free Tax preparation and she had 47 clients that received a refund from the Circuit Breaker in the Amount of \$37,872. The Board asked Ms. O'Connor to recognize her with a special thank you.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. O'Connor reported that the Soup Bar event was well received. They are hoping to do more fun luncheon events to encourage more participation.

Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor Ms. O'Connor stated that we are now in Spring mode for the "Helping Hands" Program. The Teens are looking to do rakings, mowing and general spring cleaning for the elderly.

Elder Service Work-off Program – We have added 1 more individual to this program.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The "Friends" Group wrote a New Freedom Grant to continue the transportation services for the disabled and handicapped individuals in our Town. They have received this grant for the past 8 years. They were told they were not funded this year. Added monies will be needed to continue this much needed service.

NEW BUSINESS:

CPR Classes and Defib training will be scheduled shortly. The Millbury Police Department will do the classes. All Board members will be invited to participate along with staff and van drivers.

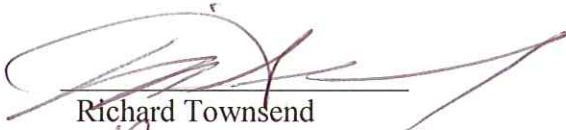
TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through April – Letourneau, \$125.00, Direct Energy, \$399.60; Belmont Spring \$11.56, W. B. Mason 161.90, Grainger \$78.60, Eversource \$264.76, Friends \$ 999.00, 157.95 & 159.36 Powers \$95.00 & 60.00, Solar Credits \$69.36.

A motion to adjourn at 8:15 AM was made by Margo Masmanian. Seconded by Lorraine Hayes. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:30 A.M.

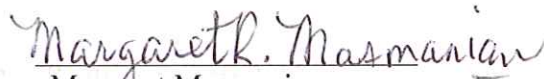
Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. O'Connor


Richard Townsend


Kaye Peltier

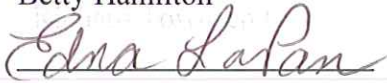

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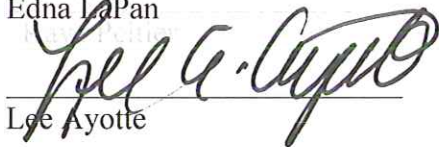
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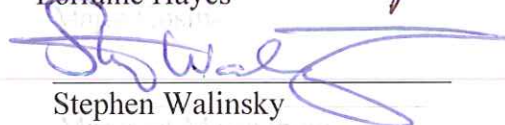
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