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

Present: Richard Townsend, Margaret Masmanian, Lee Ayotte, Everett Grahn, Steve Walinsky, Helen Makevetch, Edna LaPan, Lorraine Hayes, Marie Kosiba, and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Stuart Mulhane and Betty Hamilton

Vouchers: The vouchers were signed by all members present

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

Correspondence

We received an invitation to an Open House on May 4, from 1 PM to 4 PM from the family of Bernie Plante to congratulate and thank him for his many years of service to the town.

A letter from Community Legal Aid explaining the free legal services they provide to the elderly in Central Mass. They have expertise in legal issues affecting domestic violence, landlord/tenant disputes, utility shut-offs and government benefits. They are also home to (MAP) Medicare Advocacy Project. There are no income guidelines, but the clients must be 60 years or older. Mrs. O'Connor will provide info to the elderly via the newsletter.

A letter from the Secretary of State announcing the 18th annual Art Exhibit with the theme "CELEBRATE MY TOWN" The deadline is August 1, 2014. This info will be put in the newsletter.

A letter from Catholic Charities announcing that Senior Aides are allowed to work 25 hours until the end of June, 2014. Our Aide does not want the extra hours at this time.

A letter from Atty. Richard Ricker regarding a Notice of Informal Probate was re-read. Mr. Walinsky explained that he called the Attorney and asked about the donation that we were to receive from the estate of Richard Cook. He was told that after Medicaid took what was owned for his care and the fees required for probate there was nothing left.

We received an E-mail from Frank Cornine of Central Mass., Mosquito Control stating that he would like to do a presentation at the Senior Center. Mrs. O'Connor scheduled this for May 12th at 11 AM.

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 has been no meeting scheduled to go over our budget.

- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O’Connor stated that the second Catholic Charities’ aide has terminated her employment with them and will not be coming to our office. They will continue to look for an additional worker for us.
- C. *Nominating* – no report
- D. *Legislative* – Mrs. O’Connor stated that the concerns are with the State Budget for the Formula Grant and other services that are provided by Elder Services of Worcester.
- E. *Senior Center – Policy Committee-* No requests at this time.
- F. *Building Maintenance/Equipment.* – Mrs. O’Connor reported that the DPW/sewer Dept. are looking into fixing the drainage problem in the parking area. When it rains we get a huge amount of water where the catch basins is.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-. No report

Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor – We are looking for a few more teens to do raking for the Elderly in our “Helping Hands” program. Right now we have more requests than teens.

Elder Service Work-off Program – We are still waiting to hear if the min. wage is go up and how it will affect the program.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. - The “Friends” group has been awarded a grant for the new replacement van, along with one for operational money. They will receive \$50,102 for the replacement van (80%) with the remainder \$12,526. (20%) they will fund raise for. The operation grant is a 50% grant for \$8,025. These grants were received through the efforts of Mrs. O’Connor. Mrs. O’Connor was instructed to ask Mr. Tom Reilly of the Millbury Sutton Chronicle to put a blurb in the paper regarding these grants. She also reported that the Friends group has stated selling the bricks. Mr. Ayotte asked to have them make a minor change on the order form, so as to make it clear about the number of spaces on a brick.

Mr. Ayotte asked that the “Friends” send a letter to the Millbury Lions Club regarding the sale of the Bricks.

Mr. Townsend presented a new brochure for consideration. It is a two sided 5 ½ by 8 ½ glossy instead of the tri fold. The cost would be much less. Mr. Townsend, Mr. Walinsky and Ms. O’Connor will do a final proof of all the info and meet with the Printer. The brochures will be sent out in the newsletter and will target the Baby Boomers.

Summer concerts: Mrs. O’Connor announced that Mike and Lucille Maguire will be the major sponsors and have pledged a sum of money for the summer Concerts. Selectmen Franny King. will also co-sponsor one of the concerts. The schedule is as follows: June 19th The Irish Express, July 24th the Abletones and Aug.21st The Eddie Foreman Polka Band. Concerts will be held rain or shine.

NEW BUSINESS;

Fuel Asst. Program: Mrs. O'Connor reported that she has completed this program and has taken 65 applications for the Millbury Savings Bank 's program.

Free Tax Preparation Program: Anna Lewandowski has assisted 97 clients with their taxes.

Vacations: Due to the new way the Town is calculating vacation time many of the staff is using it as soon as the get it. Mrs. O'Connor stated because she must use her time or lose it, she will be taking a vacation day a week.


TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through April - Casella, \$114,58, , Ray's True Value \$112.62, NStar, \$425.62 Direct Energy, \$649.36, Powers \$104.00., Nat. Grid \$509.80; Belmont Spring \$5.38, Cooling & Heating \$270.00 & 1,013.92; , W.B. Mason \$159.74, 34.99 . & 68.97, EOEA Formula Grant transportation, \$963.00..

A motion to adjourn at 8:40 AM was made by Marie Kosiba. Seconded by Everett Grahn. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 7:30 A.M.


Respectfully submitted,

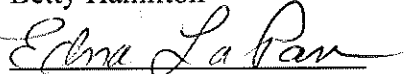
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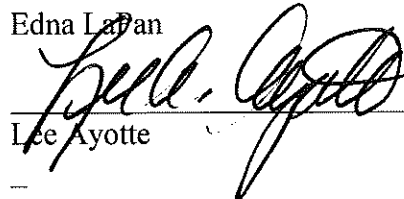

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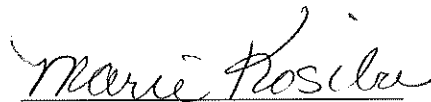
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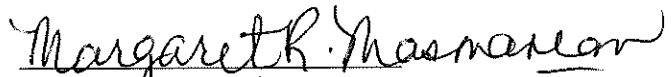
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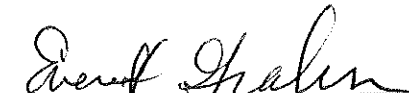

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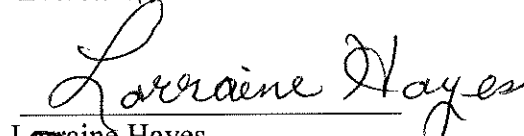

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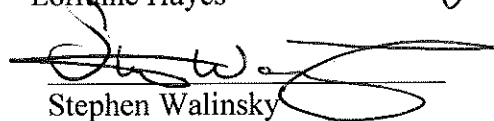

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