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COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: April 19, 2017 at 7:30 AM

Present: Kaye Peltier, Margaret Masmanian, Lee Ayotte, Edna LaPan, Sarahbeth Persiani, Richard Townsend, Steve Walinsky, Marie Kosiba, Kevin Higginbottom and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Stuart Mulhane, Betty Hamilton

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion to accept the March minutes was made by Rick Townsend, Seconded by Margaret Masmanian. Vote: unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a letter from Elder Services regarding recent media statement regarding the funding for the Meals on Wheels Program. They will be working to influence the Federal budget process. At this time the Meals on Wheels will not be eliminated as a whole.

We received an e-mail from the RMV reminding us that April is a busy month and to make sure we were still offering "RMV Near Me". Ms. O'Connor explained that we do appointments every Wednesday from 10 to 2.

We received an e-mail from the Selectmen's office stating that May 12th will be Student Government Day and that they would like all departments to be involved.

We received a letter from the Mass Bar Association offering their free services for a legal speaker during the month of May. Ms. O'Connor stated that she requested the date of 5/19.

We received a letter from Mass Rehabilitation Commission announcing the Home Modification Loan Program offered by the State.

Reliant Medical group send us a copy of the letter that all the Millbury clients will be receiving regarding the closing of the office in Millbury Center. It will be moving to the Mall in Auburn.

We received a flyer regarding the Opioids and substance abuse conference to be held on May 23 at MCPH, Worcester, MA.

We received an invitation to the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Lutheran Rehabilitation Skilled Care center on May 4th.

We received a letter from Community Legal Aid reminding us that they offer free civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly families in central MA. Ms. O'Connor stated that this info would appear in the next newsletter.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms. Peltier stated that the budget was completed and there were 2 warrant articles for the COA, the painting of the exterior of the building and the Senior Work off Program. The TM is recommending a 3% increase for the Executive Director's salary and offered the BOD to give a stipend for other duties.
- B. Personnel – No report
- C. Nominating – No report
- D. Legislative – No report
- E. Senior Center Usage: - No requests.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Ms. O'Connor reported that we had an issue with the fire box. The Fire Chief assisted us with replacing the batteries. He asked about our preventive maintenance policy on the smoke detectors. He gave list of companies to get proposals so that you could have this service done.

Director's Report- Ms. O'Connor gave the COA stats for March to all the Board members. She also reported that Ms. Lewandowski provided free tax assistance to 84 individuals and found \$27,560 in the Circuit Breaker for many elderly individuals. She sent a letter to the Sheriff to ask for assistance with chores around the Senior Center. She started a craft instructor for the Wednesday classes, and contacted the Area Agency on Aging regarding a small grant for transportation.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. Peltier reported Ways and Means cuts on the MOW funding and that the new Home Care contracts were voted on. She also explained the March for Meals program and that donation boxes were left at Goretto's and the Senior Center. Ms. O'Connor reported that the Nutrition Pasta Party that was held here was a huge success. We will have another in the fall. The special luncheons seem to bring more individuals in for the noon nutrition program.

Intergenerational Programs. *Friendly Visitor* - Ms. O'Connor reported that we added one new person to the Friendly visitor program and that we gave out more fleece blankets to the home bound from the students at Shaw school.

Elder Service Work-off Program – no report

Special Gift Committee: Ms. O'Connor reported that the students from BVT came to visit the site and we'll get some info back to us soon.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. – Ms. O'Connor reported that Mike and Lucille Maguire are again going to be the major sponsor's for our summer concerts. The concerts will be June, July and Aug.

New Business:

OTHER BUSINESS:

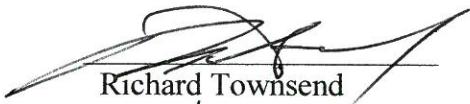
The Supt. of Schools, Greg Meyers, visited the senior center on April 5th and provided a presentation of the Shaw School's feasibility funding request.

Ms. Peltier requested that the executive director attend the monthly meetings of the WRTA Advisory Board in order to be advised of transportation concerns and changes to its service schedules.

A motion to adjourn at 8:50 AM was made by Margo Masmanian. Seconded by Rick Townsend. Vote Unanimous.

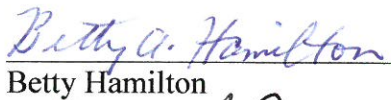
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

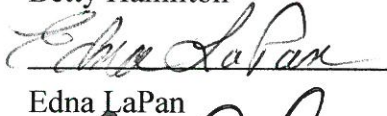
Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. O'Connor

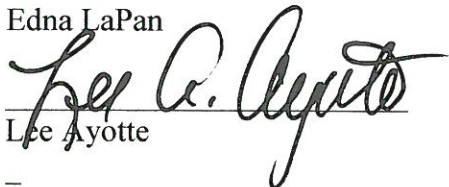

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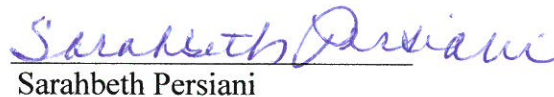

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