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Date: May 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Present: Steve Walinsky, Edna LaPan, Marie Kosiba, Lee Ayotte, Kaye Peltier, Betty Hamilton Margaret Masmanian and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Richard Townsend, Lorraine Hayes, and Stuart Mulhane

The Board held a monument of Silence for Board Member Everett Grahn who past away in May.

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

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

The April Board Meeting was cancelled. (No Quorum).

Correspondence

We received a letter from the Mass Bar Assoc. informing us that Atty. James Miller will do the presentation at our Center on May 23rd. "Taking control of your Future: A Legal Checkup" is the subject.

We received a letter from Ms. Murray, Town of Auburn, announcing a Job Fair for older adults on May 20th from 1:30 to 4:00 PM

We received an e-mail from D. Luciani, MCPHS Univ. asking us to participate in a Health History practice with the Elderly. The students will come on June 8 and 9 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am to interviewed the elderly on their health needs.

We received a Flyer from Workforce Central also announcing the Job Fair May 20th in Auburn. We posted the Flyer in the Bulletin Board.

Kaye Peltier reported on the Correspondence that she prepared for the consultants assisting the Town with the Master Plan. Along with the letter she compiled a 3 page report identifying the future needs of the elderly. The Board Members complimented her and Mr. Ayotte on the research they did for this report. They also asked that Ms. O'Connor send copies of this report to all the Selectmen.

Report of Standing Committee

A. Budget & Finance – Our Budget was passed at Town Meeting.

B. Personnel – No Report

- C. Nominating – A Committee was appointed at the meeting. The Nominating Committee is Lee Ayotte, Kaye Peltier and Edna LaPan. They will be looking for a replacement for Mr. Grahn
- D. Legislative – We are waiting to hear what the final budget for the State will be in regards to the formula Grant.
- E. Senior Center – Usage Committee - The Lions Club has asked to use the facility on Sept. 28th for a District meeting. This is a Wednesday evening that the center is open for activities. After discussion the members approved the event with the paper work to follow.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Ms. O'Connor explained that the DPW repaired the top for the driveway to help with the flooding problem when it rains.

Director's Report- Ms. O'Connor reported that the transportation requests have increased along with all of the exercise classes. The Summer concerts will again be provided through the generosity of our major sponsors Mike and Lucille Maguire and Selectmen King who will co-sponsor one.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Peltier attended the monthly meeting and reported on the new Worcester Memory Café what is being offered once a month at the Worcester Senior Center for those individuals and families experiences memory loss. This is a social activity and not a support group. It's enjoying conversation, entertainment and refreshments. This would be something that we might be interested in doing in the future. This was a grant that is available yearly. They also made an announcement that the Asst. Adm. Maureen Siergie will replace Lou Swan and Executive Director effective September.

Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor - Ms. O'Connor reported on the last M.O.V.E. program with the reading to grade 4 at the Shaw School. We have added several teens for the "Helping Hands" program. The students from Mrs. Graves' class are hosting a dinner at the School on May 18th as part of the Service Learning Program. We have 30 elderly signed up for this event. The students are doing the cooking, decorations and prizes.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O'Connor reported that the \$20,000 article for this program pasted at Town Meeting.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The "Friends" Group has not received word about the transportation grants for the added service for the disabled individuals we currently transport. If this funding is not received the 7AM pickups will be cancelled. This would affect 8 to 10 disabled clients daily who use the transportation to go to and from job sites.

New Business:

Summer Concerts:

June 23rd –Elvis; July 21st - Bk Sheep Jazz Band; Aug.18th .Eddie Foreman Polka Band

The new Unibank in Sutton has invited the Senior Citizens of Millbury to a luncheon on June 28th at 11:00 AM. They sent a sign-up sheet for those who would like to attend.


The Board Members congratulated Margo for being recognized by the Democratic Town Committee with the Judith Wilkinson Humanitarian award.

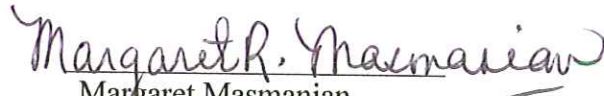
Dates to Remember:

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 AM was made by Lee Ayotte. Seconded by Kaye Peltier. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

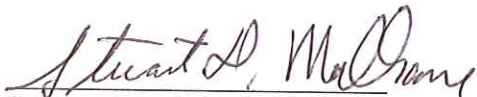
Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. O'Connor


Marie Kosiba

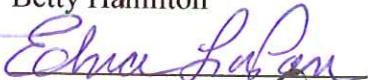

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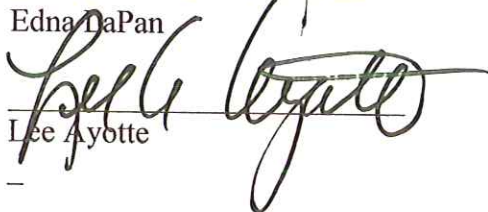
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