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MINUTES COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: May 20, 2015 at 7:30 A.M.

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

Absent: Everett Grahn, and Stuart Mulhane.

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

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

Correspondence

We received an e-mail from B. Nieves, Millbury High School Science Instructor, reminding us of the Student Health Fair being held at the Library on May 21st from 2:30 – 4:00 PM.

We received an e-mail from the Town Manger regarding the new rules for the Mass Minimum Wage Law that was provided by Kopelman and Paige Law Firm. The Minimum wage will go up \$1.00 on January 1 of calendar years 2016 & 2017. Current min. wage is \$9.00 and will be \$11.00 by 2017.

We received a memo from the Millbury Fire Dept. asking to use the Vans for the Fire Station Tours on April 18th & 25th. They picked them up the same morning of the tours. They also would like to use the facility on June 25th for the District 7 Chiefs meeting from 6 PM to 9 PM.

A letter was received from UMass Memorial Health Center Division of Dermatology Dept. announcing a free Skin Cancer Screening on June 20th from 8 AM to 12 PM. A Flyer was posted.

The Mass Bar Assoc. sent us 20 Complimentary copies of the 2015 edition "Taking Control of Your Future: A Legal Checkup". They were placed in the information pick up area.

We received a letter from Lindsay Quillen, volunteer coordinator for AseraCare Hospice. She is looking for volunteers to assist with terminally ill patients and their families. All ages and professions are encouraged to lend a hand. Posters regarding her requested were placed on the bulletin board.

We received a thank you note from Marie Cafferty for the wonderful student we sent to her through our "Helping Hands" program. He was very prompt as the Blizzard ended and continued to help for all the accompanying snow storms. She praised the program.

Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* –Ms. O'Connor reported that our Budget passed at Town Meeting. Mr. Townsend, Mr. Walinsky and Ms. O'Connor will schedule a meeting with the Town Manager to discuss the budget and the staffing issues.
- B. *Personnel* – The Town Manger put in additional monies for a Jr. Clerk in our Budget. This Board requested the reinstatement of the Adm. Asst. Position. We will discuss this with the Manager. Ms. O'Connor received a letter of resignation from the Jr. Clerk effective May 21st. The Town Manager posted her position.
- C. *Nominating* – No report
- D. *Legislative* – We are waiting to hear on the final State budget.
- E. *Senior Center – Policy Committee*- A motion was made by Edna LaPan that the Fire Dept use the Senior Center on June 25th from 6 o 9 PM for the District meeting. Seconded by Margo Masmanian. Vote Unanimous.
- F. *Building Maintenance/Equipment.* – Ms. O'Connor has not heard from the DPW regarding the issue of flooding in the parking lot. The Board members discussed the continuing problem and instructed her to contact Mr. McNeil to see if there was any progress to the solution.

Director's Report- Mrs. O'Connor reported that our numbers are up for all activities, except the congregate meals program at noon. Both Ms. O'Connor and Mary Clark are working on menu changes to encourage more people to attend,

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Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. O'Connor reported that they are sponsoring a Toiletry Drive from May 15 – June 19 to benefit neglected and abused elders. Edna LaPan volunteered to supervise this event. They are also having an Open House on June 12th from 8 AM to 10 AM sponsored by their Protective Service Unit. They will also be offering the First Annual Rosalie Wolf Award to Worcester Police Officer James Power for his advocacy in the Protective Service Program. This will be held at 11 AM at the Worcester Senior Center. Mr. Swan reported on the results on the Nutrition satisfaction survey. A total of 611 people responded to the survey.

Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor Ms. O'Connor reported that we are now in Summer mode for the "Helping Hands" Program. The Teens are looking to do rakings, mowing and general cleaning for the elderly. The girl scouts are working on a special plan in the next month.

Elder Service Work-off Program – We received the funding of \$20,000 for this program. This is an extremely successful program.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The "Friends" Group is expecting the new replacement van for the transportation program to arrive in late June for the elderly and disabled individuals in our Town. They are in need of a few more donations to cover the 20% cost of the vehicle.

Summer Concerts: The Maguire's will again be the major sponsors donating \$2,000 for all the concerts and Selectmen King donating \$500.00 towards the August Concert. The concerts are June: the Brass Connection, July: Dan and the Abletones. and Aug.: Eddie Foreman Polka Band.

Vacation: Ms. O'Connor will be on vacation the week of June 2nd.

Walking Club: They will be taking part in the the State's walking program "Go the Distance" on June 2nd. They will be walking a mile and will be utilizing the track at the High School .

TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through May- Letourneau, \$125.00, Direct Energy, \$189.07; Belmont Spring \$17.34, Eversource \$117.27, Friends \$ 220.00, 49.00 & 157.96 Powers \$105.0, Nat. Grid \$240.00, J.J. Bafaro, \$987.69, Rays True Value 92.02

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

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

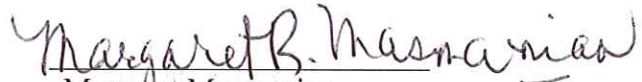
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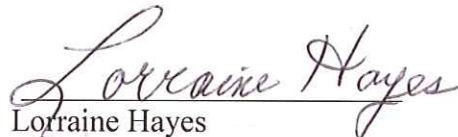
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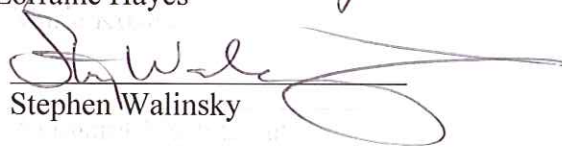
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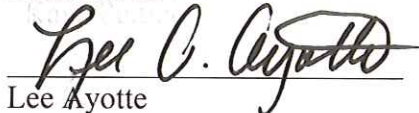
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