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Date: May 21, 2014 at 7:30 A.M.

Present: Richard Townsend, Margaret Masmanian, Lee Ayotte, Everett Grahn, Steve Walinsky, Betty Hamilton, Edna LaPan, Marie Kosiba, and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Stuart Mulhane, Lorraine Hayes and Helen Mankevetch

Vouchers: No vouchers were signed at this meeting.

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

Correspondence

We received notice from the Town Clerk on the proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2014 with the approval of Articles 12 and 19.

We received a memo from the Board of Selectmen/ Town Manager advising us of Student Government Day to be held on Tuesday May 20, 2014. They are requesting that all Town Department become involved with the event.

We received a letter from National Grid with a warning regarding a customer scam for on-going payment. Mrs. O'Connor stated that she is working with Sgt. McFaul for an informational program at the Senior Center.

A letter from Catholic Charities announcing that Senior Aides are allowed to work 30 hours until the end of June, 2014. Our Aide does not want the extra hours at this time.

We received a flyer for the Greater Worcester Alzheimer's Partnership Education Form with a meeting on May 30th at the Worcester Senior Center.

We received a letter from the Social Security Administration announcing an informational meeting to be held in Worcester on June 16th. Topic is upcoming changes and the Affordable Care Act.

Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* – Mrs. O'Connor stated that our budget was voted at the annual Town Meeting. The COA budget sub-committee did not meet with the Town Manager regarding the final budget.
- B. *Personnel* - Mrs. O'Connor stated she still has a request in to Catholic Charities for an additional aid to do morning office work.

- C. Nominating – no report
- D. Legislative – Mrs. O'Connor stated that the concerns are with the State Budget for the Formula Grant, and waiting for final figures.
- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee- The Millbury Fire Chief's are requesting the use of the facility on June 26, 2014 from 6 to 10 PM for a dinner that will be hosting area Fire Chiefs. A motion was made by Lee Ayotte to allow the Fire Dept. to use the building on June 26th with the Ladies Aux. providing the dinner. Seconded by Everett Grahn. Vote Unanimous.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Mrs. O'Connor reported that the DPW/sewer Dept. are working on fixing the drainage problem in the parking area. Mr. Walinsky and Ms. O'Connor went to visit the Plant Manager at Wheelabrator. He was issuing a check to the Friends for the upkeep of the garden (1,000) and he was also going to supply us with 10 yds of mulch.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. O'Connor reported that they are now utilizing more space in the building on Millbrook St. and have added staff. They are going out to bid for a new Nutrition contract. They have to do this every 5 years, in the past the only bidder has been Cartwells (the current provider). The projected total FY'14 agency revenue is \$26.2 million, with a year-end surplus of \$600,000 due to SCO income.

Intergenerational Programs. The M.O.V.E. program is reading to the 4th grades at the Shaw School this month. The Elmwood St. School principal is not interest in having grandparents read to the children, this year. We are recruiting teens for summer work with the "Helping Hands" Program.

Elder Service Work-off Program – The Article for \$20,000. (this year's program) was pasted at the Annual Town Meeting.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. - The "Friends" group has been selling bricks for the "Memory Walkway". They will be mailing flyers and placing them in different businesses around Town. They have also purchased all the new flowers for the garden.

Mr. Townsend presented the final drafts of the new brochure for consideration. It is a two sided 5 ½ by 8 ½ glossy instead of the tri fold. The Board members chose the one will wanted and will have 2,500 printed. They will also have the Mission Statement sign made up.

Summer concerts: The Board members were reminded that the first concert will be on June 19th from 6 PM to 8 PM (The Irish Express)

Health Issue – Mrs. O'Connor explained that an elderly client, that we had transported, was diagnosed with the Mersa virus. The Board of Health was called and instructions for the staff and van drivers were followed.

NEW BUSINESS;

The Town's Finance Director will leaving his post on June 13, 2014 after 5 years of service. Ms. O'Connor will make sure all our accounts are balanced before that date..

TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through May – Casella, \$114,58, NStar, \$246.77 Direct Energy, \$366.53, Nat. Grid \$223.26; Belmont Spring \$5.38, Cooling & Heating \$1,137.41, W.B. Mason \$71.37, 34.99, 68.97, EOEI Formula Grant \$48.99.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 AM was made by Margo Masmanian. Seconded by Betty Hamilton. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. O'Connor


Richard Townsend


Helen Mankevetch


Stuart Mulhane


Betty Hamilton


Edna LaPan


Lee Ayotte


Marie Kosiba


Margaret Masmanian


Everett Grahn


Lorraine Hayes


Stephen Walinsky