

# MINUTES

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## COUNCIL ON AGING, MILLBURY, MASS.

Date: June 19, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.

Present:, Lorraine Hayes, Helen Mankevetch, Everett Grahn, Margo Masmanian, Lee Ayotte, Edna LaPan, Marie Kosiba, Stuard Mulhane and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Steve Walinsky, Richard Townsend , and Betty Hamilton

Vouchers: The vouchers were signed by all members present

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

### Correspondence

A letter was received from Elder Services of Worcester seeking nominations from the COA to serve on their Board of Directors. Currently Ms. O'Connor is on Elder Services Board and will continue. No Board members are interested in serving at this time.

An e-mail was received from Julia Martiros introducing herself as the new Nutrition Director from Elder Services. She replaces Marie Sullivan.

An e-mail was received from Elder Services of Worcester regarding the State budget. It was a voluntary request to contact our State Legislators regarding funding advocacy. The budget is critical to the elder home care programs and we must try to get them to hold onto the highest figure from the Senate, which is \$4.17 Million higher than the House version.

A letter was received from the Worcester county Sheriff's department explaining the ping4alerts. Its a free mobile app that helps you stay connected to your local world regarding emergencies. Mrs. O'Connor will ask the representative to do a presentation for those with iphones.

A communication from the Town Clerk verifying the proceeding of the Annual Town Meeting of May 7, 2013 that authorizes revolving funds for the Council on Aging. The Council on Aging with Town Manager approval can collect Program fee to fund expenses associated with running certain programs. Spending limit is \$20,000.00

### Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* – . There will be a special Town Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> to revisit budgets. The Town Manager has eliminated the position of Adm. Asst. in this year's budget, but stated he will put it back in the COA budget as soon as he is able. Discussion followed regarding the Formula Grant. The State budget has 2 different allocation amounts \$7.00 per elder and \$8.00 per elder (federal census). We will complete the grant request with both amounts. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs

will notify us of what amount passes. The Grant has to be submitted by August. 9, 2013 with the annual report and volunteer resource sheet due August 23, 2013. Mr. Townsend and Mr. Walinsky will continue to meet with the town Manager on a regular basis.

- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor reported that she has a request in to Catholic Charities for a Senior Aide to replace Mrs.. Klosek. She also reported that the Senior Center custodian bid on the Head Custodian's position for the Town Hall as Mr. Day was retiring. The Town Manager will be positing the position of custodian for the Senior Center.
- C. Nominating – no report
- D. Legislative –The State budget and the formula grants are the big concerns currently.
- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee-We will have the sub-committee meet again to make some changes regarding the usage of the building. Currently there are not requests to use the facility.

F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Mrs. O'Connor reported that she received an estimate to repair the sign on the building from Mr. Rochon. This has been tabled until the fall when the Board will re-evaluate the need to repair the sign. The building has been decorated for the Holidays and the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday bash.

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#### OLD BUSINESS

*Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-* They discussed the possible effects of the Federal Sequester could have on their agency. There are four programs receiving Title III Federal Funding: Caregiver, Money Management, Crisis Intervention and Nutrition. All of these programs may receive cuts in the u coming year.

*Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor* – The coordinator, Ms. Masse, is working to get more teens involved in the program. We have gotten several new volunteers for the Friendly Visitors program.

Mission Statement – We are working on the design of the Sign that will be placed in the Center.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc.- The "Friends" group would like to repair the parking lot as it has many holes. They feel is a safety issue regarding the Vans. They can do this because the parking lot belongs to the RR and not the Town. They are also going to paint the RR car, and put some exterior lighting on the rear of it.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Summer Concerts are being sponsored by Mike and Lucille Maguire. The July concert is the Abletones, August is the Eddie Forman Polka Band and Sept, is the Irish Express. At this time no one else is sponsoring a concert. The amount we received was \$2,000. and that not quite enough and the Board asked Ms. O'Connor is she had anyone else that would like to sponsor one. Mr. Ayotte suggested he asked if Selectmen King would be interested.

OTHER BUSINESS

Summer Board Meetings. A motion was made by Edna LaPan that there be no meetings July and August but I one is necessary a special could be called. Seconded by Everett Grahn. Vote Unanimous.

Board of Health Inspection. Ms. O'Connor explained that the BOH did an inspection on 5/31. The 2 inspectors arrived a 10:30 am and left at 12:30 pm. She was very happy to see them as both the refrigerator and freezer had been repaired and everything was clean. The inspection turn into a hunt for violations and they belittled both Ms. Clark and Ms. O'Connor. Ms. O'Connor went over the report. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Everett Grahn that a letter of concern be written by Mr. Walinsky addressed to the Town Manager about the harassment that was received by the BOH.. Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote Unanimous.

Televised Meeting. Mrs. O'Connor reported that the Town Manager stated that all meetings will be televised. This will take place by the end of the year. Discussion followed. Members questioned why the COA would do this as they are appointed and not an elected Board.

TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals for June – Nat. Grid, \$578.95; Casella, \$111.24; J.J Bafaro, \$1,998.35, Ray's True Value \$60.93, NStar, \$9.86 & \$55.29, Sprague, \$226.43, Aquarion \$261.62 Max Pipe \$105.00, Greybar \$19.10, W.B. Mason \$59.99, \$1,019.94 & \$417.41, NorthEast Elec. \$30.00, O'Connor (mil) \$101.12, Friends \$309.64, EOEI Formula Grant \$102.34 (postage). Friends \$90.00, & \$213.75.

A motion to adjourn at 9:10 AM was made by Lee Ayotte. Seconded by Margo Masmanian Vote Unanimous

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith O'Connor

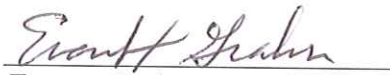
  
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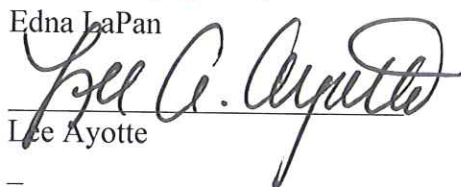
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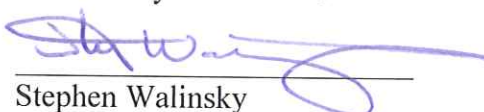
  
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