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COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: September 16, 2015 at 1:00 PM

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

Absent: Betty Hamilton and Stuart Mulhane.

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

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

Re-organization: A motion was made by Everett Grahn that the current officers of the COA Board remain for another term. Seconded by Maie Kosiba. Vote Unanimous
The officers are: Chairman Richard Townsend; Vice Chairman, Stephen Walinsky, Clerk; Lorraine Hayes.

Correspondence

We received an E-mail from Lou Swan (Elder Service of Worcester) asking for support to assure that conflict free care management is included in any statewide effort to place all Medicaid under a Mass Health SCO. Ms. O'Connor stated that she signed on to the support letter.

The Exec. Office of Elder Affairs is announcing National Employ Older Worker Week September 20-26, 2015. The Senior Community Service Employment Program is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The REquipment Program Director has sent a thank you for our donation of Durable Medical equipment to be used to benefit those with disabilities.

A Council on Aging Forum is being held on Sept, 22, 2015 in Sharon, MA regarding Nutrition Programs and its benefits.

An e-mail from EOEA stating that the Registry of Motor vehicles are seeking to decrease wait times at RMV Branches and are looking for COA in becoming a host site for transactions. Ms. O'Connor stated that she has responded in the affirmative.

We received an e-mail from Sen. Mike Moore asking to host a Turkey lunch in November. The date we picked was Monday Nov. 23 at 12 noon.

The Social Security Administration send out a notice that Social Security is 80 years old and they are announcing a new program called MY Social Security. They would like the elderly to use this to register get their account information when needed.

We received a letter from Elder Services of Worcester looking for nominations to their Board. Ms. O'Connor reported that Board member Kaye Peltier was forwarded to the nominating Committee.

We received a letter from the Nutrition Program Director asking for a donation from Millbury for their program. The Board discussed this and decided that if they had money not expended at the end of the year they would consider the request.

We received an e-mail from the Town's Finance Director explaining the cut-off date for the last warrant for 2015 invoices. It was 7/10/15.

An e-mail from EOEI explaining a SCAM using the name of the Town's COA director with regards to Medicare. Ms. O'Connor stated that she put a blurb in the newspaper regarding this SCAM.

We received a letter from Sen. Mike Moore sharing information about State government and a list of all his staff members that can be reach for assistance.

Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* – No report
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor reported that the Senior Aide from Catholic Charities has left. She has put in a request for another aide. The aides are only allowed to stay for 1 year, and they must continue to look for permanent employment while assigned to our facility.
- C. *Nominating* – No report
- D. *Legislative* – Ms. O'Connor reported that those individuals turning 65 in 2016 will have a large increase in the Medicare premium. All current participants will have their premium go up 1% with the COLA adjustment. They are saying there will be no Social Security increase this year.
- E. *Senior Center – Policy Committee*- A motion was made by Marie Kosiba that the following be allowed to use the facility; Deb Pousland on Oct 25th, The 1st Congregational Church on Nov. 20th and the Millbury Lions Club on Nov. 30th & Jan. 28th in 2016. Seconded by Lee Ayotte. Vote Unanimous.
- F. *Building Maintenance/Equipment.* – Ms. O'Connor reported that she has not received any word regarding the repair of the drainage problem. Mr. Townsend instructed Ms. O'Connor to contact the DPW Director and to have him send a written answer for our next meeting.

Director's Report- Mrs. O'Connor reported that the exercise class numbers are up along with all the social activities. She will be attending the MCOA conference Oct. 7th – 9th.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. O'Connor reported that they are concerned with some of the Health programs that were offered to the Elder. Fallon lost 12 million dollars and is no long offering "One Care". They will be holding their Annual Meeting on Oct. 20th. All Board members interested in attending please let the staff know as reservations need to be made.

Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor Ms. O'Connor reported that the letters are going out to the area school so we will have teens starting in September for the "Helping Hands" Program. The staff is looking to add to the Friendly Visitor program

Elder Service Work-off Program – This program added 2 more individuals.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The "Friends" Group is still selling bricks and are expecting to start the Memory walk any time now. The Board discussed the project and felt the "Friends" should ask for a donation of sand for the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Health Inspection for our kitchen was done and there no infractions. Marie Kosiba does the Food pantry and they praised her for such a great job.


The Board members asked that important dates to remember be added to the monthly agenda.

A motion to adjourn at 2:15 PM was made by Everett Grahn. Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote Unanimous.

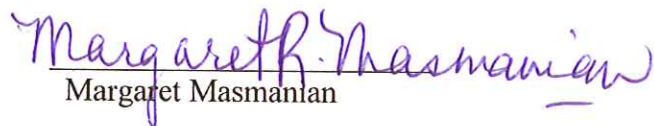
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. O'Connor


Richard Townsend

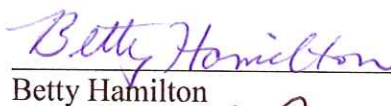

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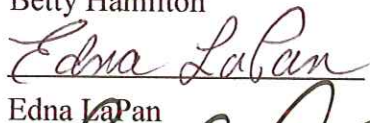

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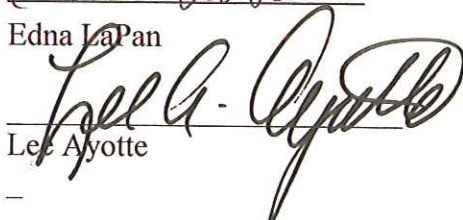

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