

**MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL ON AGING**

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Date: October 15, 2014 at 7:30 A.M.

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

Absent: Betty Hamilton

Guest: Kaye Peltier

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion to accept the September minutes was made by Everett Grahn. Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote unanimous.

**Correspondence**

We received a letter from the Worcester County Food Bank recognizing our Partnership and the wonderful work we do with our Food Pantry. Because of this they awarded our sponsor agency the "Friends" \$1,000. to be used for the purchase of additional food items for the needy.

We received a letter from the Town Collector/Treasurer making us aware the effective January 2, 2015 the town will change to a biweekly payroll.

We received a Flyer rom EOEa regarding a new web-site for the prescription advantage program. [www.prescriptionadvantagemass.org](http://www.prescriptionadvantagemass.org).

We received an e-mail and a flyer from Mass SMP. They will be offering a "Protect Yourself From Medicare Fraud and Identity Theft" Program at our Senior Center on Nov.18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 2 PM. This is a national program funded by the federal government.

We received a copy of a letter from the DPW Director to the Town Manager informing him and all the Town Departments that MassDOT has re-inspected the Bridge over the Blackstone River on South Main St. and it's condition has gone from poor to serious and needs to be closed immediately. The Selectmen will take action at their next meeting on 10/14/14.

**Report of Standing Committee**

A. *Budget & Finance* –Mrs. O'Connor explained the new requirements needed to process the vouchers. The Treasurer/Collector is requesting a new cover sheet and all amounts requested for payment must be circled in RED. Rick Townsend asked Mrs. O'Connor to schedule a meeting to meet the new Finance Director.

B. *Personnel* - Mrs. O'Connor reported that the Senior Aide from Catholic Charities started last week. She does not want to work 8 AM to 12 PM. So Her schedule will be 9 AM to 1 PM. Ms. O'Connor stated that she still has an additional request in to Catholic

Charities for another individual that could possible work the hours needed to cover the office in the AM.

- C. Nominating – Lee Ayotte reported that the COA Board’s recommendation of Karen Peltier for the vacancy was ratified. By the Board of Selectmen on 10/14/14. Ms. Peltier will be sent and letter and will get sworn in by the Town Clerk.
- D. Legislative – No report
- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee- The Millbury Lion’s Club is requesting the use of the Main Function room on November 18<sup>th</sup> for their District 33A Advisor meeting. A motion was made by Steve Walinsky to allow them to use the facility on Nov, 18th. from 6 PM to 10 PM Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote unanimous.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Ms. O’Connor send a letter to the DPW Director asking him to have a camera put down the drain to find the blockage in the driveway. He replied that he had a TV scope scheduled for Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, but then moved it to Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. There was no blockage until the end where there is a manhole. He is going to dig in that area to find it. They had already dig two other holes.. The Board members instructed Ms. O’Connor to ask the DPW Director if digging up the Garden could be a last resort. They wanted a couple of more explorations checked first.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-* Ms. O’Connor reported that they are having their Annual meeting on Oct.21<sup>st</sup> at Holy Cross. If any Board member would like to attend, we will make a reservation. Members who will attend are: M. Kosiba, M. Masmanian, L. Ayotte, S. Walinsky E. LaPan and Ms. O’Connor.

*Intergenerational Programs.* We have several young adults from Sutton High School who are teaching the computer classes along with one from Millbury High School. We also have a few new teens from other area schools. We are still offering our regular “Helping Hands” Program for the fall chore programs.

*Elder Service Work-off Program* – We have put the application for this program on-line. We are looking for a few more individuals to assist with more town department requests.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The “Friends” group will be holding their annual Fair on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM. and they will also be part of the Chain of lights. They also will be selling bricks at both the Fair and COL with gift cards. This would encourage individuals to give a wonderful gift of remembrance to a loved one.

#### NEW BUSINESS;

FLU Shots were given here on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. We gave 120 shots. If we received more requests we will offer an additional clinic date. The reimbursements from the Insurance companies will go to the Town.

Police Dinner... The Millbury Police Assoc. will hold their annual dinner for the elderly on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. This year it will be a Ham dinner.

Senator Mike Moore will hold a Turkey luncheon on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. This will be in place of the Nutrition Program offered by Elder Services of Worcester.

TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through October – Letourneau, \$125.00, NStar, \$232.85 Direct Energy, \$36.36, Nat. Grid \$330.47; Belmont Spring \$5.38, Powers \$ 90.00, Solar Credits, \$267.33 Ray's True Value \$ 85.43; .W. B. Mason \$63.98, Elder Services \$20.00, Constellation \$17.31

A motion to adjourn at 8:55 AM was made by Everett Grahn. Seconded by Edna LaPan.. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 7:30 A.M.


Respectfully submitted,

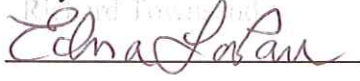
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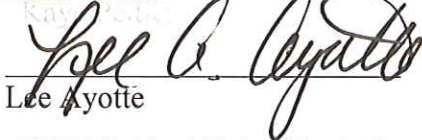
  
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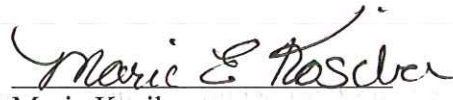
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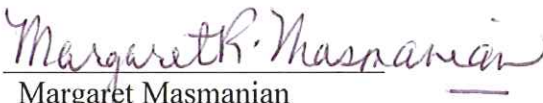
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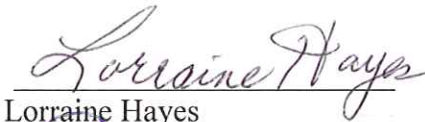
  
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