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Date: October 16,, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.

Present: Richard Townsend, Lorraine Hayes, Stephen Walinsky, Everett Grahn, Margaret Masmanian, Lee Ayotte, Suart Mulhane, Helen Mankevetch, Edna LaPan, Marie Kosiba,. and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Betty Hamilton

Vouchers: The vouchers were signed by all members present

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

Correspondence

A Flyer announcing that the Drug take back day is Sat. Oct. 26th. We have a kiosk located at the Millbury Police Station and unused or expired drugs a taken there anytime 24/7. No questions asked. Their names need to be blacked out.

A letter from Mrs. Graves, Millbury High School, announcing the Community Service Learning program. They are once again looking for community involvement. Mrs. O'Connor stated that she would be part of this very important intergenerational project.

An e-mail from Sen. Mike Moore's office announcing that the Turkey dinner he is having at the Senior Center on Nov, 25th at 12 noon is being co-sponsored by the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

A notice from the Dept. of Health and Human Services regarding the Medicare changes. Medicare open enrollment is Oct. 15th to Dec. 7th taking effect on Jan. 1, 2014. Calls can be made to 1-800-MEDICARE. They are also encouraging people to review the handbook "Medicare & you".

Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* – Mr. Walinsky explained the meeting with the Financial Mgt. Planning Committee with regards to a 5 year Capital budget plan for the Council on Aging. The committee went over our report and understood our requests and would be amenable to any additions we might find in the near future.
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor reported that at this time she is at full staff with volunteers working in the office answering the telephone in the afternoon. She wanted to remind the Board that with our next budget cycle to remember that the Asst, Adm.'s position would need to be added.
- C. *Nominating* – no report

- D. Legislative – The Board members discussed the Federal shut down and its effect on the programs and services we provide.
- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee- There were no new requests for the use of the building. The Friends group will be holding their annual Craft Fair on Nov. 9th

F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Mrs. O'Connor reported that the bench in memory of Eleanor Klosek will be delivered on Oct. 17th. The custodian has put light sensors in both the men's and ladies rooms. The members discussed the sign with the Mission Statement. They asked the Director to check with Mr. Mort for a price. This would be a Wall sign and would be funded out of the COA's Purchase Services account.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Mrs. O'Connor reported that she attended the Annual meeting of Elder Services along with Ms. Kosiba, Ms. Masmanian, Ms. LaPan and Mr. Walinsky on Oct. 15th. Mr. Walinsky reported on this meeting and how well run the programs and services are that we receive from them.

Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor – The M.O.V.E. reading program has started with the 4th grades at the Shaw School. We are looking for a few more readers. Many teens have been calling for the "Helping Hands" program.

Elder Service Work-off Program - We are using 2 people from this program in our office and we are looking to added more individuals to the overall program.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc.- The "Friends" group will be repairing the parking lot at the Center, there are two large holes. They are looking at painting the RR car that's in the parking lot. They will also be part of the Chain of Lights this years on Dec, 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

Flu Shots – Mrs. O'Connor asked the Board of Health for another Flu Shot clinic, but was told they would prefer to have it somewhere else. She explained that she had several individuals who had missed the first clinic. Mr. Walinsky asked to see the minutes of the BOH meeting.

Food Pantry – A discussion occurred regarding the sources of donations of food to the Center and the food pantry. Ms. O'Connor reported that the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. using their status as a 501 © (3) non-profit currently obtaining bread products from Goretto's, Panera, and Binbo's. An opportunity occurred whereby St. Vincent dePaul's food pantry at St. Brigid's Church was apparently overwhelmed with fresh vegetables and produce so they approached the Senior Center with their surplus. After discussion regarding expiration dates, and our capacity or refrigerated storage, A motion was made by Stephen Walinsky seconded by Lee Ayotte that we continue to accept only the bread products and non-perishables items not requiring refrigeration Vote Unanimous, . .

Mrs. O'Connor also reported that other supplies for the food pantry come from the Worcester County Food Bank, the First Congregational Church, and local food drives provided by local service groups

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Annual Millbury Police Assoc dinner for the elderly will be held on November 14th at 6 PM. This year it will be a pasta and meatball dinner.

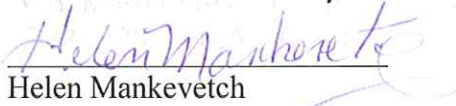
TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through October – Nat. Grid, \$579.48, Casella, \$114.58, 114.58, Ray's True Value 112.51, NStar, \$32.84, Sprague, \$33.64, Aquarion \$75.00, W.B. Mason \$147.96, 29.99, 43.95 & 49.99, Powers \$115.00, 65.00 & 40.00, Belmont Spring \$5.38, 5.38, EOE A Formula Grant \$80.00 & 307.26; 146 Supply \$46.54.

A motion to adjourn at 8:50 AM was made by Lorraine Hayes Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote Unanimous

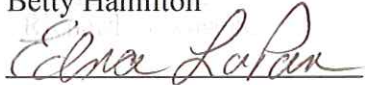
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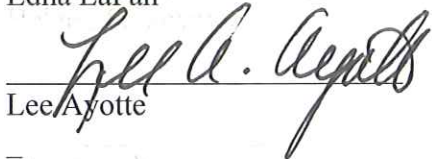
Respectfully submitted, Judith O'Connor

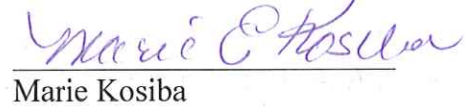

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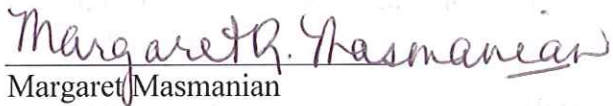

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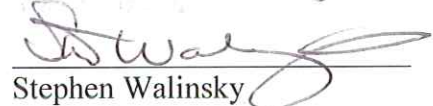

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