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COUNCIL ON AGING

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Date: October 19,, 2016 at 7:30 AM

Present : Kaye Peltier, Richard Townsend, Marie Kosiba, Lee Ayotte, Sarahbeth Persiani, Betty Hamilton, Stuart Mulhane,,Steve Walinsky, Kevin Higginbottom and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Edna LaPan and Margaret Masmanian

The Board welcomed and introduced new Board member Kevin Higginbottom

New Chairman Kaye Peltier thanked Rick Townsend for all his many years as Chairman on behalf of the entire Board.

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received an e-mail from EOEAA advising the importance of the following programs Shine, MCPHC Pharmacy Outreach Program, Medicare and Prescription Advantage. We should encourage the Elderly to review part D and look at options for the 2017 year regarding their supplemental coverage.

We received a letter from Grand lodge I.O.O.F. announcing their annual Arthritis Charity Ball to be held on Dec. 17th.

We receive a letter from "Bridges Together" regarding the importance of having Intergenerational Program.

We received an e-mail from Chief Desorcy wanting to know if any town workers or board members would like CPR classes and AED training. These classes are being offered free through his department.

We received a letter from EOEAA regarding the Medicare Open enrollment deadline Oct. 15 – Dec. 7. And for us to encouraging the elderly to visit with a Shine Representative,

We received an e-mail from Nicholas Burnham, CMRPC announcing the WRTA's ADA Paratransit webpage.

We received a letter from Mass Emergency Management Agency suggesting how to build a kit to be used during an emergency. Ms. O'Connor stated that she will put this information in the newsletter.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. *Budget and Finance* – Ms. O’Connor reported that the Finance Director was going to send out the F.Y. ’18 forms a month early so that we can work with Mr. Plante on our budgets and have them ready for the new Town Manager.
- B. *Personnel* – Mrs. O’Connor reminded the Board members that we will be addressing the need for an Asst. Director for the COA office.
- C. *Nominating* – No Report
- D. *Legislative* – Ms. O’Connor explained that the Governor’s Budget is not balanced and that the Formula Grant may be cut from \$10.00 to \$9.00 per elder in our community. There will also be 9C cuts to come.
- E. *Senior Center Usage* – No Requests at this time.
- F. *Building Maintenance/Equipment*. – Ms. O’Connor reported that since the minor repair was done by the DPW, we still get a big puddle of water in the main parking lot, but not anywhere near what happened before. The DPW Director will let us know what he going to do next.

Director’s Report- Ms. O’Connor reported that our participation is up in all activities except the noon nutrition program. She attended at workshop that was offered by EOEa to come up with new ideas. She and the Nutrition Director at Elder Services are going to look at some new nutrition offerings. The following are upcoming events at the Center: Shine Representative, Fallon Health Plan Representative, Free Fast Pass Transponder give out, the annual Police Assoc Diner for the elderly will be held on 11/17. She completed a small Fallon Grant for the Food Pantry. She had a staffer attend the Memory Café at the Worcester Senior Center as a potential program. Ms. O’Connor also provided the Board members with a report asked for at the last meeting regarding the duties of all the staff members by job title.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. Peltier reported on the Annual meeting held at Holy Cross with quest Speaker Sheriff Evangelidis. On Nov. 9th Sen Moore will host a turkey luncheon for the elderly in place of the regular nutrition lunch.

Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor - Ms. O’Connor reported that we are getting new teens applying for the “Helping Hands” program.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O’Connor reported that almost all of the Senior workers have been given hours because of Town department requests, especially the Town Clerk for early voting.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The “Friends” Group will be hold a craft Fair on November 12th from 9AM to 2 PM. and be part of the Chain of Lights on Dec. 4th.

New Business:

Special Gift Committee - Mr. Walinsky reported on this committee about some of the ideas for the garden area. They also added Marie Kosiba to the committee and will be meeting after the regular meeting. Discussion followed regarding the garden needing a uplift.

Carfit: This program is being offered on Nov. 4th from 10 AM to 12 noon. The students from QCC will be on hand to fit the elderly person with their automobile.(i.e. mirrors, seat belts, seat position, etc.)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fire Department Grant – Ms. O’Connor co-signed a grant request with the Fire Dept. for the yearly Fire prevention program.

The Board members also asked about the Master Plan and where the committee was at this point. Ms. O’Connor is on that committee and has asked about it, but know one has taken the lead since the Town Planner resigned.

Ms. O’Connor announced the new Facebook page, Millbury Senior Center. She also asked the Board to look at it as it has great news items, picture and updates.

A motion to adjourn at 9:05 AM was made by Lee Ayotte. Seconded by Rick Townsend . Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. O’Connor



Richard Townsend



Kaye Peltier

Stuart Mulhane



Betty Hamilton



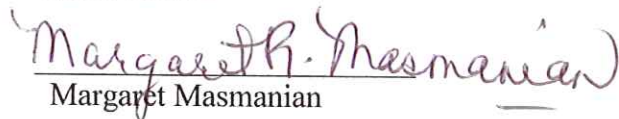
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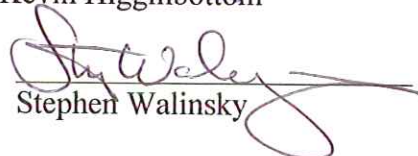
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