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Date: November 19, 2015 at 1:00 PM

Present: Richard Townsend, Steve Walinsky, Betty Hamilton, Edna LaPan, Marie Kosiba, Lee Ayotte, Stuart Mulhane and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Margaret Masmanian, Kaye Peltier, Everett Grahn and Loraine Hayes

Vouchers: No Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

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

Correspondence

We received a notice from Millbury Health Care that they are changing their name to Care One at Millbury. They are also announcing a new program called Speed Networking that is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at 312 Millbury Ave.

We received an e-mail from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs announcing the federal/state funding to implement MassOptions. This is an effort to improve knowledge of and to access services for the elders and persons with disabilities. The flyer contains frequently asked questions and a toll free telephone 1-844-422-6277.

Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* – Ms. O'Connor is waiting for the budget forms from the Finance Director.
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor reported that when we prepare the budget that we ask for the Adm Asst. position along with a change in hours from 15 to 19 hours for the Jr. Clerk.
- C. *Nominating* – No report
- D. *Legislative* – Ms. O'Connor reported that the deadline for the Medicare changes is Dec. 7th and we dealing with last minute informational forums. There will be no COLA increase given to the Social Security recipients in January. There will be no Medicare increase this year, but as the Social Security get an increase the Medicare payment per month will increase by the same percentage. All new individuals turning 65 in 2016 will have an increase to start with.
- E. *Senior Center – Policy Committee*- After discussion the Board asked that Policy Title be changed to Senior Center Usage Committee. The only request is the "Friends" group using the center for the Chain of Lights event on Dec. 6th.

- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Ms. O'Connor stated that since the berm was place at the top of the drive way the amount of the water run-off coming in down from the street has been reduced by $\frac{3}{4}$. It seems to be helping with our water problem.

Director's Report- Mrs. O'Connor reported on the Stats for the exercise class. All these classes have increased in size. The Zumba gold teacher had to cancel her Friday classes, so we are now looking for an exercise replacement class.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. O'Connor reported that the Protective Service Unit at Elder Services is very concerned with the number of abuse cases they have received. They are reminding the Towns that we are mandated reporters on all abuse clients that we observe. The total number of abuse reports for F.Y.'15 is 2,252. The Agency has a surplus balance in their budget.

Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor - Ms. O'Connor reported that the Intergeneration Program will be reading soon to the 4th graders at the Shaw School.

Elder Service Work-off Program – We are still looking to add a couple more individuals to this program.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The "Friends" Group will hold a Fall Fair on Nov. 14th from 9 to 2 . They will also be part of the chain of lights having a tea room, entertainment and decorating a ginger bread cookie in the Rail Road Car. They are still selling bricks. Their new replacement Van is now on the road.

NEW BUSINESS:

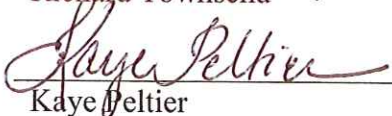
The Food Drive with fresh fruits and vegetables will be on Sat. Nov. 21st with the distribution date of Sunday Nov. 22nd.

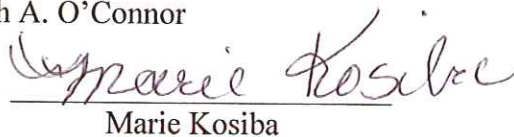
A motion to adjourn at 2:10 PM was made by Edna LaPan. Seconded by Steve Walinsky .
Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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Richard Townsend


Kaye Pelhier


Marie Kosiba


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