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MILLBURY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Date: November 21, 2018 at 7:30 AM

Present: Kaye Peltier, Lee Ayotte, Steve Walinsky, Kevin Higginbottom, Stuart Mulhane, Richard Townsend, Marie Kosiba, Sarabeth Persiani, Edna LaPan, and COA Executive Director Judith O'Connor

Absent: Betty Hamilton and Joyce Ostrowski

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

VOUCHERS:

Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion to accept the October minutes was made by Rick Townsend, seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote: unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received an e-mail from Stefano of Good Energy wanting to know if he should stop by to speak with the Senior Citizens regarding the new NGRID rate which is now 13.718 and the aggregation rate of 10.43. Ms. O'Connor will contract the Town Manager regarding this matter.

We received an e-mail from the Towns Finance Director. He is looking for a list of assets from our department that we may have retired. Ms. O'Connor reported we had none at this time.

We received an e-mail regarding a Transportation Round Table event to be held on December 14th. This is for older adults (and others) who utilize WRTA transportation and are encouraged to attend. The event will be at the AC Hotel in Worcester from 12 noon to 3:00 PM. All those interested in attending must preregister.

We received an e mail from CMRPC inviting us to a Legislative Breakfast on Dec. 7th at the Webster Public Library.

We received a notice from the Town Planner regarding the Four Corners Revitalization Project for the Center of Town to be held on Dec. 12th at 6 PM at the Mansion.

STANDING REPORTS:

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms. O’Connor explained that the Town Manager has place an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant to fund the expense of the drainage problem in the driveway. He also placed a repurpose article from the painting of the building to repair of the HVAC at the Senior Center. Budget forms should be out shortly for the next F.Y.
- B. Personnel – We will be adding an Asst. Adm. position to our budget per the Town Manager.
- C. Nominating – No report
- D. Legislative – None.
- E. Senior Center Usage –The 1st Congregational Church will hold their Turkey Raffle on Nov. 16th. Ms. O’Connor reported that she spoke to the chairman of the church committee who stated that she would have addition people on hand for security. Ms. O’Connor offered to open and closed the building for the event. Because they needed to start advertising the event Ms. O’Connor approved their request. Wheelabrator Millbury will be using the building on Nov. 27th Ms. O’Connor will open and close the building.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment – Ms. O’Connor reported that we had an issue with the freezer and at some point it will have to be replaced. Also she had the snow blower serviced and the 2 flat tires repaired.

Director's Report – Ms. O'Connor reported on the Memory Cafés, food drive provided by the Fire and Police Chiefs, the Holidays with Heart event from Jen Callahan and the distribution with the area food pantries along with Mark Goretti. This year we were providing food baskets and home delivered Thanksgivings meals. She completed the Fallon grant for the food pantry. There was a Thanksgiving lunch provided by Sen. Moore and an evening Dinner provided by the Millbury Police Assoc. We also held a Falls prevention clinic provided by Dr. Lordan with 15 people in attendance. Blue Cross has reached out to us looking to do something with the Silver Sneakers program.

Chairman’s Report – Ms. Peltier reported on the info regarding the Shine program. She also explained that UMass will no longer take United Health Care Insurance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elder Services of Worcester/Nutrition Program- Ms. Persiani attended the monthly meeting and gave a report on the Elder Services State Stats. We are also planning a couple of special Nutrition luncheon events for December.

Intergenerational Programs/Friendly Visitor - Ms. O'Connor reported that the "Helping Hands" program was up and running for snow shoveling. The M.O.V.E. program is going to read to the 4th grade at the Shaw School this month.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O'Connor will be doing a new push for more individuals to join this program.

Boston Post Cane: Jeanie T. McKeon will be receiving the Boston Post Cane on her 100th birthday which is Dec, 7th. Ms. O'Connor will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking them to make the presentation and to attend.

NEW BUSINESS;

The Senior Center will be closed on Thanksgiving and will reopen on Friday for regular hours. Ms. O'Connor will be the only staff person working as all the Union workers (per their contract) have the day off.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Walinsky asked about the writing of a letter to the Selectmen regarding Ms. O'Connor's recent awards. A motion was made by Marie Kosiba to send the letter to the Selectmen with a copy to the HR department announcing her achievements. Seconded by Edna LaPan. Vote Unanimous

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 AM

Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

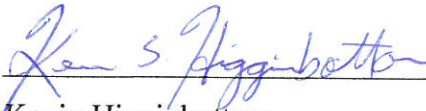
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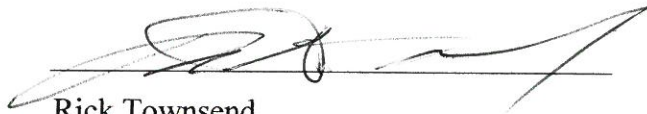
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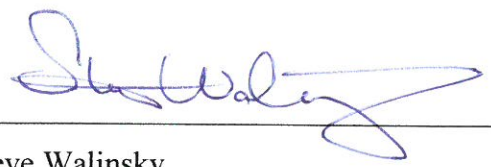
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