

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

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MILLBURY, MASS

Date: December 16, 2015 at 1:00 PM

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

Absent: Stuart Mulhane and, Betty Hamilton

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion to accept the November minutes was made by Lorraine Hayes. Seconded by Marie Kosiba Vote: unanimous.

**Correspondence**

We received an e-mail from Next Step Living asking to do a presentation at the Senior Center on the day of the Chain of Lights event. This would be to support the Millbury Energy Challenge. Mrs. O'Connor stated that she had no space available that day, but gave them a day for their presentation on 12/16/15 from 9 AM to 1 PM.

We received a letter from Rob Morton, CEO of Millbury Savings Bank informing us that they will again sponsor the Winter Fuel Fund program, for those in need with their heating costs from the Towns of Millbury and Sutton. Mrs. O'Connor stated that she will start taking applications starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January. The applications are then forward to the Bank and a check is issued to the vendor.

We received an e-mail from Michele Ellicks from the Registry of Motor Vehicles requesting assistance in filling out on-line transactions for the elderly. Mrs. O'Connor stated that we would begin this service in January, and would do it one day a month with appointment times. The allowable transactions are License Renewal (drivers younger than 75), registration renewals, change of address, duplicate License or registration and how to report a lost or stolen disability placard and how to request a replacement. The client must use a credit card or have a checking account with a tracking number. No cash will be taken at this site.

**Report of Standing Committee**

- A. *Budget & Finance* – The Finance Director will be forwarding the Budget forms within the next 2 weeks. Mrs. O'Connor will then forward to the members of the COA budget sub-committee. She was told to put a 2% increase for all Union employees for the next Fiscal Year and 1 1/2 % for all non-union members.
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor stated that when the new budget is submitted the Town Manager is going to allow one of the Jr. Clerks to increase their hours from 15 hours to 19 hours. We would also request an Adm Asst.

- C. Nominating – No report
- D. Legislative – The 2016 Medicare Part B Premium will not be going up because there is not COLA increase for SSA recipients (currently at \$104.90). Newly enrolled will pay \$121.80 per month.
- E. Senior Center – Usage Committee- Only request is the Millbury Lions Club using the facility on Jan. 28, 2016.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Ms. O'Connor stated that the custodian will be on vacation the last week of December and that we would have no coverage for the Senior Center as the Head Custodian for the Town Hall was hit by a car and is out with a broken arm. Discussion followed. Ms. O'Connor was told to refer the problem to the Town Manager.

Director's Report- Ms. O'Connor reported on the stats for all the activities. Discussion followed and some of the members questioned the number to clients playing cards, The number seemed low. After reviewing the numbers, the stats were changed to reflect the correct amount which was much larger.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-* Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Peltier attended the monthly meeting. Living Well is closing their Social Day Care and will only have their Adult Day Program. The Dept of Public Health inform them that they must have a separate entrance for each and they can't use the same Administrator for both. This will affect 20 clients. They gave an up-date on Tufts One Care and United Way funding for the Nutrition Program.

*Intergenerational Programs. Friendly Visitor -* Ms. O'Connor reported that the M.O.V.E. program read to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the Shaw School and that we are lining up teens for snow shoveling with the "Helping Hands Program".

*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 was part of the Chain of Light. It was very successful. They are still selling Bricks. A grant is going to be written for a replacement Van. They are looking to replace the 901 Van. They will also be writing a Grant for operational funds.

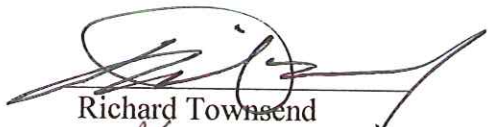
#### NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. O'Connor announced the following grants that were received.  
\$1,500. Fallon Health for the Food Pantry - \$ 1,000. Worc. Comm. Foundation for Food Pantry and \$600. MCOA – Walking Club

A motion to adjourn at 2:15 PM was made by Everett Grahn. Seconded by Margaret Masmanian . Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. O'Connor



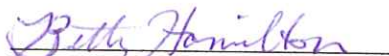
Richard Townsend



Kaye Peltier



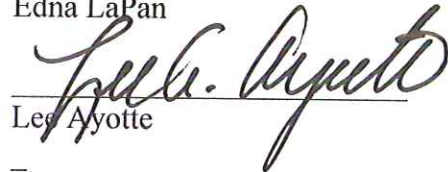
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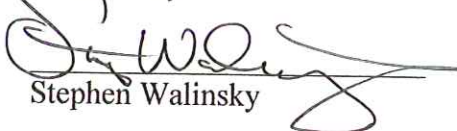
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