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MILLBURY, MASS.

MINUTES COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: December 17, 2014 at 7:30 A.M.

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

Absent: Lorraine Hayes

Vouchers: No Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

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

Correspondence

A letter was received from Second Chance Animal Shelter, Inc. offering to come to the Senior Center with a program called "Homebound to the Rescue". They received a grant to come to a facility and offer exam, rabies vaccines, distemper combo vaccines, flea treatments and nail trims all at no cost owner of the animal or the facility. This enables the elderly to get basic care for their pet. After discussion the Board members asked Ms. O'Connor to first check with the Board of Health and it would be revisited at the January meeting.

A letter was received from the Chain of Lights chairperson, thanking Ms. O'Connor for all her assistance in making the day a wonderful success.

A letter from the Fallon Community Health Plan announcing that the Millbury Food Pantry will receive a cash donation in the amount of \$1,500.

An e-mail was received regarding the Prescription Advantage Program offering help for those individuals in the "Donut Hole".

Ms. O'Connor met with Pastor Carol Reynolds of the First Congregational Church of Millbury looking to have 4 "Death and Dying" workshops here at the Senior Center. She will meet with her again after the first of the year.

Report of Standing Committee

A. **Budget & Finance** --Mrs. O'Connor stated she received the budget forms from the Finance director and forwarded them to both Mr. Townsend and Mr. Walinsky. They will meet with her and do the figures for F.Y. '16. Mrs. O'Connor also reported that the Town Manager instructed the Department Heads to put a 1% increase in for all employees and he would change them later after Union negotiations.

- B. Personnel - Ms. O'Connor reported that she interviewed a woman for the Senior Aide position with Catholic Charities. The woman is signing all the necessary paper work and having a C.O.R.I. checked done. Hopefully she will start shortly after the 1st of the year.
- C. Nominating – No report .
- D. Legislative – Our concerns are with the Governor's 9C cuts to the elderly. Ms. O'Connor stated that she spoke with both the Senator and the Representative regarding this matter.
- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee- We have no requests at this time.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – We have not heard from the DPW Director regarding the water problem in main parking area. Mr. Townsend stated that he will call Mr. McNeil regarding this issue..

The Director's report was given out with Ms. O'Connor noting an increase in all of the exercise classes.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. O'Connor reported that they were cut 1.5 million for purchase services through the Governor's 9C cuts, and that there is a waiting list for some services. They also received a pilot grant for a Case Manager to address Critical Clients at risk. This would not be for current clients, but for those not accepting services currently (i.e. homeless). They are also offering transportation services via a Cab, up to 4 single trips per month. The Worcester Senior Center does not provide transportation services for medical or dial-a-ride appointments.

Intergenerational Programs. Ms. O'Connor stated that we have several new teens interested in snow removal for the elderly. We have also started to schedule the reading program at the elementary schools.

Elder Service Work-off Program – We are looking for a few more individuals to assist with more town department requests, especially over the holidays

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The "Friends" group was part of the Chain of lights. They also received a large donation from Fallon Community Health Plan for the Food Pantry. The Board members discussed the possibility of having Tom Riley, of the Chronicle, do a story about the "Friends" and how it works.

NEW BUSINESS;

Holiday Closings: Both Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on Thursdays and the day before and the day after each of these holidays will be open for regular hours. Our regular staff will be working.

Vacations: Ms. O'Connor reported that she will be on vacation from Jan 22, 2015 to Feb. 1, 2015.

Selectmen Meeting: Mr. Townsend reported that the Selectmen have asked the COA Board to attend their meeting on Jan. 13th to give a report on their Department and what if anything the Selectmen could offer in assistance to them.

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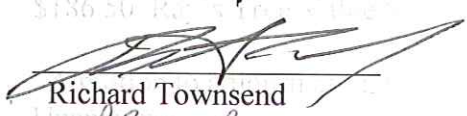
TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through December – Letourneau, \$125.00, Nstar, \$150.30, Direct Energy, \$236.68, Nat. Grid \$285.63; Belmont Spring \$8.67, Solar Credits, \$186.50 Ray's True Value \$21.57; .W. B. Mason \$124.93, Powers Ind. \$44.00 & 28.00.

A motion to adjourn at 8:50 AM was made by Edna LaPan. Seconded by Everett Grahn.. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. O'Connor



Richard Townsend


Marie Kosiba


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Margaret Masmanian

Stuart Mulhane

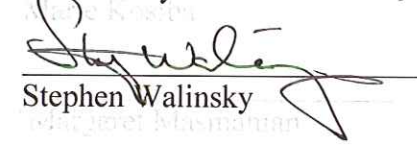
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