

MINUTES
MILLBURY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: December 19, 2018 at 7:30 AM

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

Absent: None

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

VOUCHERS:

Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a thank you from the 1st Church thanking us for letting them use the room for their Thanksgiving event. They also sent some gifts cards to be used in the food pantry.

We received a letter from the Millbury National Bank stating that they held a contest and that our Food pantry would receive a gift card to Market 32 for the food pantry.

We received a letter from Alice Bonner, Secretary of EOEAA stating that she would be resigning from her post as of Jan. 18, 2019. Her replacement has not been announced.

We received a letter from Fallon Health congratulating us for been chosen to receive a \$1,500. grant for support of our hunger relief programs.

We received a letter from the Worcester County Food Bank thanking us for our partnership with them. We received an award in Gratitude for distributing the equivalent of 14,452 Meals to our community.

STANDING REPORTS:

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms. O'Connor explained that the Town Manager had the Finance Director send out the budget forms for F.Y.' 20. Ms. O'Connor has started to work on them. The sub-committee will meet after the Board meeting to assist her.

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- B. Personnel – We will be adding a new position to our budget per the Town Manager.
- C. Nominating – No report
- D. Legislative –Ms. O’Connor announced that the State Formula Grant was signed by the Town Manager and sent in. We will be using the monies starting Jan. 1st.
- E. Senior Center Usage – No requests at this time.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment – Ms. O’Connor addressed the Air conditioner issue. One of the four units needs to be repaired or replaced. She has asked for quotes to have the work done with the repurposed monies from the 2017 Article that was for painting.

Director's Report – Ms. O’Connor reported on the Memory Café that they will be doing holiday cookies in November . Because of the Holiday there will be no café in December. She told the board members about the donation from Wheelabrator for a new TV for the Center. They would also assist in getting rid of the old one. The Chain of Lights event went well, but there were not as many people in attendance because of the rain.

Chairman’s Report – Ms. Peltier reported that she sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen announcing the Executive Director achievements in the Aging network. She also gave input on the Shine program and reported that the Tufts Health Plan report on healthy elders was under estimated when previously announced.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elder Services of Worcester/Nutrition Program- Ms. Persiani attended the monthly meeting and heard a report on Long term care for the younger population receiving services. There was also a report on the Money Management program to help the elderly pay their bills by a Representative payee. They are also looking at providing a Latino Meals program.

Intergenerational Programs/Friendly Visitor - Ms. O’Connor reported on Student Government Day that was held on Dec. 7th.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O’Connor will be meeting with the Town Manager regarding the Article for the next Fiscal year. He is looking at adding more money to the Article.

Boston Post Cane: Ms. O’Connor report that on Dec. 7th Jeanie T. McKeon received the Boston Post Cane. It was also her 100th birthday and the Selectmen also presented her with a citation. Ms. O’Connor and Selectmen Chris Naff were in attendance with many members of her family. This event took place at the Jewish Nursing Home in Worcester, MA. Mr. Ayotte asked about his continuing to research for going forward with a policy for the town oldest recipient of this award. All agreed that we should have a policy in place for the Selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS;

Holiday Hour The Senior Center and the COA office will be closed on Dec. 25th and Jan 1st for the Christmas and New Years Day Holidays. At this time there is no half day before each holiday planned. The Town Manager wants all departments open the day before each holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Ostrowski informed the Board of the public hearing that was going to be held regarding the construction and new design on Greenwood St. at the four corners.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:40 AM


Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. O'Connor



Lee Ayotte



Betty Hamilton



Kevin Higginbottom

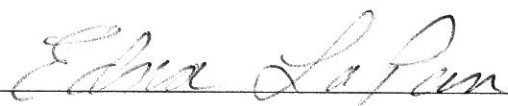


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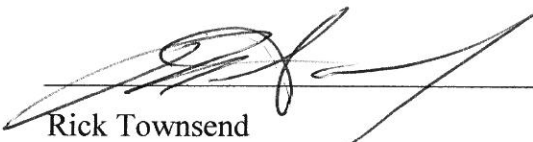


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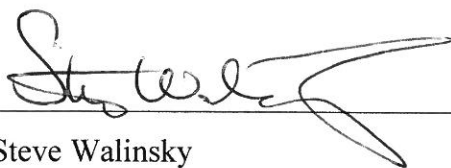


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