

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

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Date: March 22, 2017 at 7:30 AM

Present: Kaye Peltier, Margaret Masmanian, Lee Ayotte, Edna LaPan, Sarahbeth Persian, Betty Hamilton, Marie Kosiba, Stuart Mulhane, Kevin Higginbottom and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Steve Walinsky, Richard Townsend

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

An e-mail was received from the Shine Program Assistant explaining the breakdown of client served. In 2011 in Millbury 72 individuals were served and in 2016 there were 119 served.

A thank you note was received from Rob McNeil, DPW Director, for our support of him during his tenure.

We received an e-mail from Teresa Sebastian, PBSI, explaining that she is the Travel Trainer for WRTA. Because of fix route changes she will be available to offer her services to the elderly and disabled individuals with understand the transit system.

Mrs. O'Connor explained that there is a Public Hearing at the Town Hall on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM to voice our concerns with the stopping of the fixed bus #22 on Saturdays. There is also concern with the new fare changes.

We received a letter from the CEO of Beaumont at Northbridge announcing that they had a perfect survey from the Mass Dept. of Public Health.

We received an e-mail from the Town Clerk making us aware that the Town Warrant will close on March 28<sup>th</sup> and that Town Meeting is May 2nd. Our articles are \$20,000 for the Senior Work-off Program and \$14,000. for painting of the exterior of the senior center building.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. Budget and Finance – Ms. Peltier stated that she attended the Fin Com meeting and got a chance to explain our budget. She also met with the Town Manager who did approve the increase in transportation funds to \$5,000, but does not want to increase any extra staff at this time. He is recommending a 2% increase for the Executive Director's salary. He also stated that the BOD could offer a stipend to her.

B. Personnel – No report

C. Nominating – No Report

D. Legislative – Ms. Peltier discussed the possibility of Federal cuts to the Meals on Wheels program. It falls under the Health Repeal Act for MA .There is also a chance for 9C cuts from the Governor.

E. Senior Center Usage: - No requests.

F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Ms. O’Connor reported that currently we have no issues.

Director’s Report- Ms. O’Connor gave the COA stats for February to all the Board members.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program- Ms. Peltier reported that other cuts from the Federal Administration could include RSVP, Legal Aid, Fuel Asst. and the Senior Aide Program. We would lose it through Ma Health Repeal Act.

Intergenerational Programs. *Friendly Visitor* - Ms. O’Connor reported that the winter “Helping Hands Program” went well. The M.O.V.E. will be reading to the 4<sup>th</sup> grades at the Shaw school.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O’Connor will be starting one new worker.

Special Gift Committee: Ms. O’Connor reported that she spoke to the Teacher at BVT and they are willing to assist with the project. He will call us after school vacation and when the snow is gone from the garden.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. – Ms. O’Connor reported that the new replacement vehicle will be arriving in late June and the 20% match of \$14,000. will now have to be raised. Major fund-raising has started.

#### New Business:

Sub-committees – Ms. Peltier will review the inquiry forms she gave out for the sub-committee assignments.

Snow Policy – We checked with the Town Clerk regarding our new policy and as long as we post the change on our meeting notice that if there is a delay we will meet at a new designated time.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

The Supt. of Schools, Greg Meyers, would like to visit the Senior Center to make a presentation on the renovations for the Shaw School. Ms. O’Connor will set up a date for him to visit.

The Boston Post Cane will be given to Grace O’Leary, oldest citizen of Millbury, on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Invitations were sent to the Selectmen who will make the presentation.

A motion was made by Marie Kosiba to has the COA Board of Director nominate Ms. O'Connor for MCOA's Senior Center Director of the year award. Seconded by ~~Kevin~~ Higginbottom. Vote unanimous.

A motion to adjourn at 8:45 AM was made by Betty Hamilton. Seconded by Margo Masmanian. Vote Unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

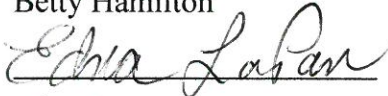
Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. O'Connor

  
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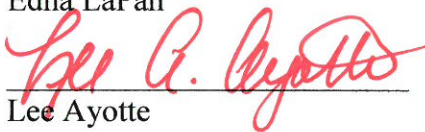
  
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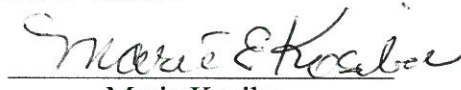
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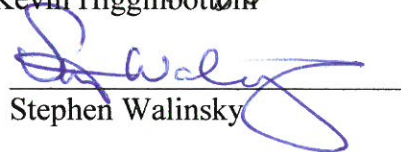
  
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