

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

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Date: April 17, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.

Present: Richard Townsend, Lorraine Hayes, Helen Mankevetch, Margo Masmanian, Everett Grahn, Stuart Mulhane, Marie Kosiba. Steve Walinsky,, Betty Hamilton and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Lee Ayotte, and Edna LaPan,

Vouchers: The vouchers were signed by all members present

Minutes: A motion to accept the March minutes was made by Everett Grahn , Seconded by Lorraine Hayes. . Vote unanimous.

**Correspondence**

**A letter from the Division of Dermatology at UMASS Memorial Center announcing the Annual Skin Cancer Screening on Sat., May 11, 2013 from 8 AM to 12 noon. .Clients must have appointments. Flyers will be passed out at the Center regarding this event.**

We received a note from Sister Pat Foley, of the Jewish Health Center Hospice, thanking us for letting her make a presentation regarding their services.

We received a letter from Elder Services of Worcester announcing effective immediately that the restricted intake policy has been lifted. There is no longer a waiting list for services.

**Report of Standing Committee**

- A. *Budget & Finance* – Mr. Townsend explained the filling out of the. *3 forms from the Finance Director., for the long term plan for the COA. Mrs. O'Connor returned them and the Finance director changed the figures to reflect a plan to continue with staffing for the next 10 years without out a salary amount.. Mr. Townsend, Mr. Walinsky and Mrs. O'Connor will meet with the Town Manager to discuss the future budget.*
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor would like to meet with the Town Manager regarding the replacement for Ms. Klosek. We need to request that the hours be 15 hours per week. She is still using Senior workers and elder aides to cover the AM shifts .This will be part of the budget discussion.
- C. *Nominating* – no report
- D. *Legislative* – Our concerns are with the State budget and the formula grants for the COA's . We are hoping to increase the amount per elder, but it's looking like a decrease or level funding.

E. Senior Center – Policy Committee-We have no requests at this time. The sub-committee members are Stuart Mulhane, Lee Aotte, and Steve Walinsky The Board members discussed usage of the building and the need to revisit the policy.

.F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Mr. Townsend stated his concerns regarding the outside roof sign. The gold areas need to be re-painted. He asked Ms. O'Connor to call Mr. Rochon and get a price to have it done.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-. Mrs. O'Connor reported on the Nutrition shortfall. Elder Services needs to do a major fundraise. They will also be cutting back on supplies they provide to the sites .There is a new Personal Health Record book so that the clients can get the proper info to their Doctors. They are using it for Care transition coaching so that a patient is less likely o be readmitted to the hospital after being discharged home.*

*Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor – The M.O.V.E. program is going to read to the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the Shaw School. We have 7 volunteer readers for this program. The “Helping Hands” program is in full bloom with many teens doing Spring raking for the elderly.*

Mission Statement - The Mission Statement was review by all present.. The Board members discussed having the wording over the MISSION STATEMENT read “Come grow with us”. The Text would read The Mission of the Millbury Council on Aging is to be the voice of our Senior Citizens by identifying their needs and creating programs designed to meet those needs. It's also to create and maintain a warm, friendly and caring environment to attract seniors to our center. The board tabled this until Mr. Ayotte return from vacation and can meet with his sub-committee.

Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. Report - The Friends are planning to run several trips for the senior citizens. Their main focus now seems to be the food pantry with its goal to expand. They are still having difficulty with the WRTA regarding their transportation contract.

Report on the “Friends” – Mrs. O'Connor reported that the President of the Friends group is very ill. He did say that they will sponsor the up-coming 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday party. They are not planning any events for the Town's bicentennial, this is due to a lack of fund-raising efforts.

Birthday Party – We will hold a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party of the Council on Aging on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>. from 4PM to 7PM. The main guest will be Paul Kollios, who started the COA in 1973. We will also be honoring the volunteers at this event.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Summer Concerts – The Maguires have again offered \$2,000 to the Friends group for summer concerts. Mrs. O'Connor stated the Polka Bank will be August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and the Blackstone Valley Blue Grass Band will be June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 8 PM..

Legal Assistance – the Mass Bar Assoc will provide a lawyer on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 12 Noon. The topic is “Taking control of your future” There will be time for questions and answers.

TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals for April. – Nat. Grid, \$514.64; Casella, \$111.24; Mason, \$ 62.23, Belmont Spring \$2.69, Ray’s True Value \$71.11, NStar, \$320.53, Sprague, \$556.48, Powers Ind. & Safety, 162.00 & EOE A Formula Grant \$101.39(postage). Friends

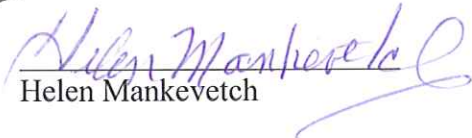
A motion to adjourn at 8:55 AM was made by Stuart Mulhane. Seconded by Everett Grahn. Vote Unanimous

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.


Respectfully submitted,  
Judith O’Connor




Richard Townsend



Helen Mankevetch



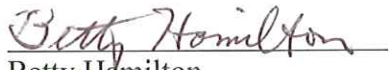
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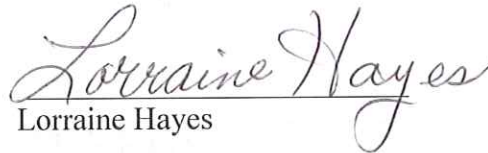
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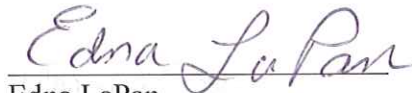
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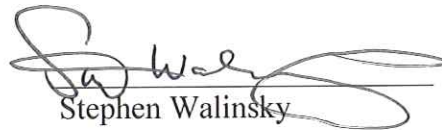
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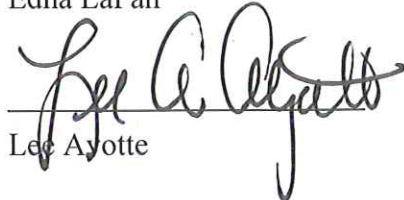
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