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MILLBURY COUNCIL ON AGING
Regular Meeting

Date: June 20, 2012

Present: Richard Townsend, Lee Ayotte, , Lorraine Hayes, Marie Kosiba, Edna LaPan, Helen Mankevetch, Margo Masmanian, Stuart Mulhane, Stephen Walinsky, and Acting Director Joyce Ostrowski. Everett Grahn and Betty Hamilton were absent. In accordance with the agenda, the following is submitted:

At approximately 7:30am, Chairman Townsend called the meeting to order. At his request, the Town Manager, Robert Spain, addressed the group to update the Board on the Executive Director situation. It appears the investigation is complete; however, a further delay is forthcoming as the Executive Director has changed attorneys and is reviewing all the relevant data. Mr. Spain revealed that because of the investigation, there will be some changes to some of the systems and procedures under which the Center operates; ie Blank Voucher signings. The majority of the Boards questions and comments centered at the following:

- (1)The length of time the investigation is taking
- (2) The damage to the Executive Directors name and reputation

- (3) How much the accomplishments and length of service of the Executive Director in the past were being considered in the investigation?
- (4) How the investigation went from the original allegations regarding the election to the internal operations of the Senior Center?

The Town Manager made some attempt to answer the questions, but very often was limited because of the open investigation. No timetable for the completion of the case and decision on the future of the Executive Director can be established. The Town Manager also indicated that he is not behind "the Witchhunt" as is rumored and very assertively claimed that the investigation was "Right thing to Do".

AGENDA

All vouchers were signed. Motion to approve the minutes of last month's meeting held on May 16th by Lorraine Hayes with 2d by Edna LaPan...Vote: Unanimous

Correspondence: (1) Acting Director Joyce Ostrowski reported there had been a request by the Red Cross to have a Blood Drive. As the request was for a week day and would interfere with Senior Center activities, Joyce was advised to decline. ... (2) A request was received from a Millbury Senior to expand the days the manicurist is allowed to operate. This situation had come before the Board in the past when it was determined that the manicurist was using the Senior Center to supplement her income by serving other than seniors. She was advised of our concern and it appears she was restricted to Mondays only....Senior Citizens only. Lee Ayotte volunteered to send a letter of response to Mrs. Mogren.(3) Senator Moore requested 3 dates for visitation to our Seniors for purposes of answering questions and advising which were granted.....(4) A request by St. Bridget's to use the Senior Center on Sep 22d was approved as it met appropriate criteria.....(5) A similar request the Town Planner on 7/19 was also approved....

Report of Standing Committees:

(A) Budget & Finance: No report

(B) Personnel: Other than the issue with the Executive Director, no personnel issues were noted.

(C) Nominating: No Report

(D) Legislative: No

~~(E) Senior Center Policy Committee: The Application was reviewed and deemed appropriate~~

(F) Building Maintenance: Joyce discussed some leaking faucets which now needed repair. There are also some filters which need replacement. Finally, stripping and varnishing the floors is an annual housecleaning item that should be taken care of. The BOD recommended she discuss with Town Manager, relative to cost and repairs.

Directors Monthly Report: The monthly report was reviewed and discussed briefly.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Board of Health re-inspection on May 24th. The Inspector noted general improvement with a few minor areas to be improved.

(2)

- (2) Summer Concerts....On 7/12 a Blue Grass Band will perform as well as the Eddie Foreman Band on 8/23. As this is mostly a "Friends" event, the appropriate people will be contacted to do whatever preparation is necessary to ensure that the tradition goes on as previously established at the Senior Center.
- (3) The Suggestion Box had been talked about in a previous meeting. It was agreed it would be implemented over the summer and reviewed monthly by the BOD.
- (4) It was noted that the Statue portraying Harold & Irene Ostrowski had been completed. It also was noted that the Executive Director had planned a dedication ceremony. No specific plan was developed.


NEW BUSINESS: Summer Bingo: After some discussion, Stu Mulhane motioned to eliminate Bingo for the months of July & August as has occurred in the past. With a 2d from Lee Ayotte, the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: Next Meeting is September 19th.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Steve Walinsky....2d: Marie Koshiba...Vote: Unanimous and the meeting adjourned @ 9:20 am.

(3)


Ernest G. Gosh

Stuart R. Mulhane

Steve Walinsky

Marie E. Koshiba

Helen Mantovani

Edna M. LaPar

Lorraine M. Hayes

Margaret R. Marnan