

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM October 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Skilling called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Secretary Helen Daly, Outreach Carol LaFreneire, Bill Brown, Maria Neville, Kaplan Hasanoglu, Brooks Corl

Secretary's report accepted as written

Motion to accept report made by Maria, seconded by Kaplan

Treasurer's Report

- Noted that auto repairs were paid under COA budget – repairs done by DPW
- Noted that the Formula Grant allows \$9.00 per senior
- Updated budget presented

Motion to accept report made by Maria, seconded by Kaplan

HESSCO Report –

- Meeting was held this week with following notes:
- Conflict of interest was reviewed with HESSCO board members
- Still in process of closing out figures for FY13 – will not begin working on FY16 until next year
- Received grant for 5K for emergency meals
- MEMORY CAFÉ – now open at Canton and Norwood facilities for those with memory problems
- The Y will be initiating a program for seniors – “Healthy Lifestyles”

Outreach report-

- Attended the MASS Social Aging meeting – received fuel assistance and income level figures FY16
- Has received 7 apps for fuel assistance – will begin processing in November
- Suggestion that Donna Cabibbo be given future announcements in her town e-mail to help get the word out about Outreach programs being held at Senior Center
- Received Salvation Army training this week and has vouchers to pass out for those in Immediate EMERGENCY need - \$25.00 per person up to \$100.00 (food or utility shut off notice).
- Fuel assistance payments will be less this year than last at the moment.

Director's Report

- Patty and Kaplan have presented an itemized list of comparable towns and what they pay to MBTA and those that have RTA
- We were denied transportation grant for a new van because we are not members of the RTA
- RTA fees are deducted from the mandatory 40K that is assessed to the town by the MBTA. RTA is based on a “demand- response” fee base which is deducted from the towns MBTA assessment. Millis COA currently provides all demand-response transportation and the town gets reimbursed through the DOT's Paratransit reimbursement.
- We can subscribe with RTA for demand-response services (using GATRA or MWRTA) with service costing the town \$49.09 per hour. Other towns contracting with RTA have varied services. Some towns have them provide all trips or keep a van and provide some trips themselves. It all depends on the yearly contract they entered into with the RTA.

- Kaplan and Patty will continue to review and assess the cost benefits to the town and to the COA clients.
- Helen will try to get contract from the Holliston COA for us to review.

Chairman's Report

- Warrant article submitted for the flooring was not put on the agenda. Petition has been started but is not in time to be added to the warrant.
- Mary asks if we can start a Facebook page as other towns have. Kaplan offered to help Patty set one up. It has already been approved by the town.

Old Business:

- Signs – new revisions have recently been made to the border on the signs. Patty is waiting for an updated proof to approve the final plan.
- Someone came in and took apart the old pool table but left all the pieces on the floor – Jimmy needs to find a way to dispose of them. Will Friends pay the \$750.00 fee to move the other pool table from the community room?

New Business:

Holidays:

- Thanksgiving luncheon is planned for 11/19 at Noon. Bossy's catering will provide all the food and the Millis Police Dept. will serve and clean up. Cost is \$13.00 per person – we're charging attendees \$7.00. Friends have agreed to cover the difference. Planning on approx. 60 diners.
- Christmas luncheon will be 12/18 at 11:30. The Millis Police and EMT's have volunteered to cover all costs and will provide service and clean up again.
- Newsletter \$25.00 raffle was won by only one respondent. The next newsletter has been changed to include color to hopefully catch people's eyes – we will offer another raffle and hope to have more than one response.
- Patty is concerned that the printer is not providing the correct amount of copies – she will check the next newsletter.
- Millis Founder's Day has been suggested by Brooks and the Friends to be held on February 24, 2016. Patty and Brooks will work with the School Dept. to include the children as well as the Police and Fire Depts. Patty has requested Cultural Arts Grant to cover the cost of hiring the Blues Jazz band.

Motion to adjourn made by Kaplan, seconded by Bill.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20

Next COA Board Meeting: November 13 at 9:00 AM