

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM November 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Skilling called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

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

Secretary's report accepted as written

Motion to accept report made by Maria, seconded by Kaplan

Treasurer's Report

- Prior Treasurers reports have been reconciled. Patty had transposed numbers in the respite account in June. Payment of \$210 should have been \$120. All treasurers' reports have been corrected.

Motion to accept report made by Bill, seconded by Maria

HESSCO Report –

- Meeting was held on Thursday – Budget training was covered
- FY15 and FY16 figures still not formulated as yet – waiting on State report. Will review budget in December.
- Bateman provides meals – reviewing their prep to make sure that their costs are in line.
- Noted that Veterans must forward their records electronically to their winter location (FLA) and then must forward back here on return (otherwise they will need to go to emergency room for treatment which is very costly).

Outreach report-

- Experienced a very busy month – fuel assistance requests were unusually high with 15 to 20 requests in the first week.
- Carol still waiting for application forms.

Mary Russo:

- Asking that the coat rack be relocated inside the door to where the bench is as it is not currently being used. It will need to be attached to the wall. Coats hanging over back of chair present hazards.
- Move billboard to the other side of the reception desk.
- Friends have agreed to provide additional hangers for the coat rack.
- Patty will discuss replacing the knob on the heating unit in room 18 with Jimmy.
- Use the Tax work off person to keep Rm 17 clean and to fix the peeling paint.
- Submit an article in the spring for an automatic door for front entrance.
- Change senior age requirement to age 55 rather than 60 – look into changing the by-laws to reflect

Motion: To authorize Kaplan to present to the Selectmen and the Planning Board at a later date, to inquire with Toll Brothers regarding the prospect of having space for the Senior Center at the over 55 community currently at the Glen on Orchard St.

Motion to accept Maria, second Bill – unanimously passed.

- Patty to take pictures of all future floods to cement our request for improvements.
- Patty to discuss with the disability commission the review of auto door, rest rooms and the ramp problem and ask for a written assessment.

- Mary suggest we put in newsletter – “Update from the Board” and have Board minutes posted on the hall bulletin board – Carol will make mention in her next column.
- Patty will set up a new Facebook Page for the Millis Council on Aging.

Director’s Report

- 2016 Tax work-off selection finished with 18 participants. In 2017 they will be reimbursed \$1000 for 100 hours. Criteria for choice is first 15 will be chosen according to income leaving 5 slots for specific talents with a maximum of 20.
- There will also be spots for Veterans to apply in a separate program, run by the Veterans agent.
- No state tax but Federal tax will apply on the \$1000.00
- Pool table has been removed from the community room – hoping to get the table moved from Rm 18 to the community room for \$250.00
- Town Administrator received a complaint that there are not enough services/programs offered at the Center.
- Newsletter has been asking what programs are desired, 4 requests in newsletter the past year – no response.
- Patty to respond to complaint by comparing last year and this year’s participation and presentations/events statistics. Also send copy of the newsletter to Charlie and the Selectmen.
- It’s too late to put flyer in the census for the Senior Center this year.
- Motion to accept by Maria, second Kaplan

Chairman’s Report

- No new issues to discuss

Old Business:

- Currently using 1249 labels for the monthly newsletters. 1300 labels have been requested. Color expensive, possible use only on quarterly basis.
- Founders Day celebration – no response currently received from the Historical Society – try contacting again.
- Christmas party will be at the Primavera and will be held on Dec. 18th at 11:30. Millis PD is hosting the event. All Friends members free with others to pay \$6.00 which will go to the Friends.

Motion to adjourn made by Maria, seconded by Kaplanl.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10

Next COA Board Meeting: December 11 at 9:00 AM