

**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19  
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054  
MEETING NOTES FROM MAY 11, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: Helen called meeting to order at 11:05

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Secretary Helen Daly, Lisette Walter, Chris McCaffrey, Bill Brown, Carol LaFreniere, Bryan Riley, Bert Lannon, Steve Howie

Motion to accept Secretary's Report as written made by Liz – second Bill

Patty introduced Bert Lannon who is interested in joining the Board.

Treasurer's Report

- Patty is in the process of making switches from the Formula Grant which covers postage, newsletters, supplies and repairs to vehicles. Van repair in excess of normal due to 2007 repairs this year.

HESSCO

No HESSCO report

Outreach Report:

- 21 people have been helped this year with Fuel Assistance which is about ½ the number usually served. SMOC who oversees the program ended their year on 4/30. Most clients fall in the 60% (not poverty level), Carol assists in filling out the numerous forms and making sure that all figures are documented on the application. If approved – the applicant is eligible for 25% discount on new appliances or new furnace if needed.
- Carol will be doing more home visits during these warmer months.

Director's Report:

- Helen and Maria must be re-instated at the clerk's office to serve another year.
- Chrome Cast requested by Everard to help with the Sing-a-Long Program – cost is approx. \$35.00.

Motion to ask Friends to approve the \$35.00 cost made by Chris and second by Lisette – unanimously approved.

- Rep. Linsky had received a Grant approval in the amount of \$50,000 to cover the cost of much needed new handicapped van. Patty is looking at side entrance Toyota Sienna at a cost of \$48K as side entrance is safer. This van has only one handicapped spot, non-electric lift and is ADA approved.

Motion to accept proposed side entry handicapped van for a cost of approx. \$48K made by Bill – unanimously approved.

- We received a number of items from Glen Ellen including a large gas grille, hot dog rolling machine, popcorn and snow cone maker and an industrial slicer which should all help with functions at the COA.
- Chris bring ups the fact that Jim McCaffrey is upset about all the junk from Glen Ellen had been dumped in RM 18 which the Senior Center uses for many weekly activities, she has asked Patty to call Jim if all has not been removed in 2 weeks. Jim is also upset that the \$15K that had been appropriated to the Senior Center for a new van was in the process of being struck down with these funds being awarded to the school due to the Linsky Grant. He will bring the matter up at the next Selectman's meeting and suggest that the \$15K be used to replace the floor in Rm 18 – as that room floods in every rain storm. This room is used for all functions held by the COA and we have found that the water also

seeps through the walls. Carol noted that this room is not dedicated specifically to the COA but is considered a Community Room – therefore, the town is responsible to fix it. Chris is willing to speak at the upcoming Town meeting and others will be asked to back her up.

Chairman's Report:

No Chairmen's Report

Old Business

- Kathy Lannon will be holding a "Pre-Diabetes" screening starting on 5/23 – this is a fasting screening. One year long workshops will be funded by Medicare. This will monitor those who can be helped and include a 12 week family membership to the YMCA – it is a FREE Program.

New Business:

- A thank you program will be planned for RE. Linsky on his next visit to the Center on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Patty will contact Judy O'Gara and will ask the Friends to supply coffee and goodies. All seniors as well as all Town Board members will be invited to this meeting. Brian suggests we look into presenting a plaque showing our appreciation – Patty will check with Linsky's chief of staff for input.
- Volunteer Luncheon will again be held at the Skye Restaurant in Milford on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Father's Day celebration will be held on 6/15 at 11am. A hot dog cart, chili dogs, salads will be offered. Games include horse-shoes, corn-hole with a \$25.00 prize to be offered for the winner of corn hole. Lisette will post on outside message board to try and attract a large group.
- Summer ideas discussed – we usually do 2 BBQ's a summer (July and August) – suggested we plan on doing on a Wednesday at 11am which will give time for the Bingo at 12:15 and Sing-a-long at 2pm. Lisette suggest we try Bocce for the August date.
- Tasty Tuesdays will continue through the summer with alternate menus being offered. Lunch meats, cheeses – Chris suggest gluten free rolls from twists and Bryan suggest diet sodas. Root beer floats was another suggestion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm

**Next COA Board Meeting: June 8, 2018  
9:00 AM– VMB Room 19**