

MINUTES
MILLBURY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: April 17, 2019 at 7:30 AM

Present: Kaye Peltier, Kevin Higginbottom, Rick Townsend, Sarahbeth Persiani, Steve Walinsky, Lee Ayotte, Edna LaPan, Joyce Sampson and COA Executive Director Judith O'Connor

Absent: Marie Kosiba, Stuart Mulhane and Betty Hamilton

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

VOUCHERS:

Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion to accept the March minutes was made by Rick Townsend seconded by Edna LePan.
Vote: unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a flyer from UMASS Memorial Medical Center, Hahnemann Campus announcing a Free Skin Cancer Screening on May 18 from 8 AM to 12 noon.

We received a e-mail from Lois Kilsey recruiting Manager for the 2020 Census. She is asking us to advertise for positions in our area to complete the U S Census. To apply go to 2020census.gov/jobs. There will be openings for all type of positions from 20 hours to full time 40 hours. All jobs are temporary.

We received an e-mail from EOEA announcing the new Secretary of Elder Affairs Elizabeth Chen. Her appointment takes effect on June 3, 2019.

We received an e-mail form MCOA requesting our support for the SIG funding to Council on Aging's. This would be The formula grant at \$12 per elder and the Service Incentive Grant. We would be sending letters to our State Representative.

We received an e-mail from the editor of the Millbury/Sutton chronicle telling us that she is taking a new position with the paper and that a new editor will be named shortly. The paper has gotten smaller and it's been a little more difficult getting our news articles printed weekly.

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We received a notice from EOEA announcing that May is Older American Month. They would like us to promote events on the website and on our social media page.

STANDING REPORTS:

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms. Peltier explained that she attended most of the Finance Committee meetings. She explained our 2 warrant articles, \$20,000 Senior Work-off program and \$10,000, for HVAC repairs.
- B. Personnel – Ms. O'Connor explained that the temporary seasonal custodian will work under our budget until June. As of July 1 he will be part time under the Town Hall budget. The Town Manager will be hiring a custodian for the senior center.
- C. Nominating – No report
- D. Legislative – Ms. Peltier reported that the Governor has asked to have more money put in the Nutrition program.
- E. Senior Center Usage – The developer from Casa Verdi Villages has asked to use the large room for an association meeting on June 18th @ 6:30 PM. A motion was made by Mr. Ayotte to grant the request. Seconded by Ms. Sampson. Vote Unanimous.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment – Ms. O'Connor reported that we have started the outside cleaning. She requested the Sheriff's department and he is sending a team around the beginning to May.

Director's Report – Ms. O'Connor reported that she and the staff are now doing Housing Authority applications on line (CHAMP). The Mass Bar Assoc. is sending an attorney to do an informational here on May 7th as part of May being Elder Law Month. She also stated that she completed 60 Fuel assistance applications from the Millbury Savings Bank program and 10 from the WCAC program. The changes to the monthly newsletter started last month with 2 pages being added in color with the additional cost coming from the formula grant.

Chairman's Report – Ms. Peltier reminded the Board members of the Conflict of Interest requirements and that she would assist anyone having difficulty in getting on line to complete it. All copies need to be given to the Town Clerk and she will be collecting them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elder Services of Worcester/Nutrition Program- Both Ms. Persiani and Ms. Peltier attended the meeting. Ms. Peltier stated that our site collected the largest amount of money for the March for Meals fund raiser. Congratulations to our site manager Mary Clark. She also stated that another r Nursing home in the city (Royal Spring Valley, Worcester) is closing. Ms. Persiani spoke of how they are doing their new social media and the need for them to add new staff.

Intergenerational Programs/Friendly Visitor - Ms. O'Connor gave an up-date on the Millbury High School Freshman class and their day of giving. They are coming to the Senior Center on May 3rd to work in the garden.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O'Connor has been advertising the program and would like to encourage the Board members to make referrals, if they know someone who meets the program requirements.

NEW BUSINESS;

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:25 AM

Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. O'Connor

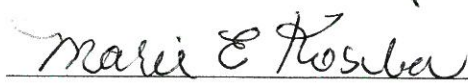


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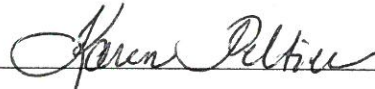


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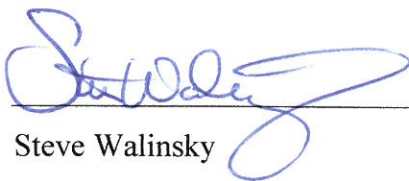
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