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MILLBURY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: September 18, 2019 at 7:30 AM

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

Guest: Acting Town Manager James Kelley

Absent: Sarahbeth Persiani and Betty Hamilton

Stuart Mulhane left the meeting at 8:25 AM

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

Ms. Peltier offered a moment of silence for Betty Hamilton who passed away. She was a Board member for 35 years.

VOUCHERS:

Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion to accept the June minutes was made by Marie Kosiba seconded by Edna LePan
Vote: unanimous.

Re-organization of the Board:

Nominations for the new slate of officers:

Ms. Sampson nominated Kaye Peltier as Chairman, Seconded by Mr. Walinsky.

Mr. Townsend nominated Steve Walinsky as Vice Chairman, Seconded by Edna LaPan

Ms. Kosiba nominate Lee Ayotte as Clerk. Seconded by Ms. Peltier.

A motion to accept the nomination of the new slate of offices was made by Ms. Peltier Vote Unanimous. The necessary paper will be sent to the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

September 18, 2019

STANDING REPORTS:

- A. Budget and Finance – We are still waiting for the final budget figures from the last Fiscal Year. The Acting Town Manger wants to hear from us before we present out F.Y. '21 budget. He would like that done in November or by December 1st..
- B. Personnel – Ms. O'Connor received only one resume for the new position. She Asked HR to send the job posting to MCOA. The TM also stated that there will be no new hires added to the next year's budget.
- C. Nominating – The Board members discussed the vacancy. The term would end June 2020. Ms. Peltier said she would contact the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen regarding our recommendation.
- D. Legislative – Waiting for the final State budget.
- E. Senior Center Usage – The 1st Church has requested the Senior Center for Nov. 22 for their Turkey Raffle. A motion was made by Mr. Ayotte to let the 1st Church use the main room of the senior center on Nov. 22nd. Seconded by Mr. Walinsky Vote Unanimous.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment – Ms. O'Connor reported that there will be an article on the special town meeting regarding the FEMA money. It's for a generator to be installed at the senior center.

Director's Report – Ms. O'Connor reported that she sent Sarahbeth to the Aging and Dementia Friendly workshop to represent Millbury. She is working on the Formula Grant. She went to the MARTA conference in Yarmouth and came back has some concerns about the future of the transport program. She feels the Uber approach is a little too costly for the elderly. She will meet with the WRTA Administer to discuss the future funding.

Chairman's Report – None

OLD BUSINESS:

Elder Services of Worcester/Nutrition Program –We received a letter from the Nominating Committee stating that both Ms. Peltier and Ms. Persiani were eligible for another term. Ms. O'Connor sent the return letter for them to remain. The Exec. Director call and ask Ms. O'Connor to come back on the Board also. A motion was made by Ms. Sampson to approved Ms. Peltier, Ms. Persiani and Ms. O'Connor as representatives to the elder Service Board. Seconded by Mr. Townsend. Vote Unanimous, The Annual meeting will be held on Oct.15th at Holy Cross and tour Board members are invited. Board members who would like to attend will notify Ms. O'Connor. Elder Services has started to advertise for a new Executive Director.

Intergenerational Programs/Friendly Visitor - Ms. O'Connor reported that letters have gone out to all the area schools for the "Helping Hands" Program. We have had a dozen or so new teens come for applications. We added 1 client to our Friendly visitor program.

Elder Service Work-off Program – Ms. O'Connor reported that she has re-advertised for this program.

NEW BUSINESS;

Mr. Kelley stated that CMRPC is going to write a Community Block Grant and had instructed Ms. O'Connor and the Veterans Agent to work with the Town Planner to focus on areas involving low income housing for the elderly in the Center of Town.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. O'Connor reported that she would be writing an Art's Council Grant for summer concerts through the Millbury Cultural Council.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 AM

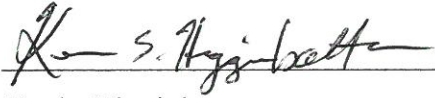
Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

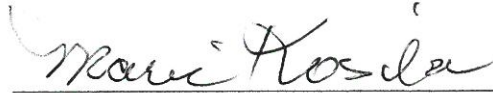
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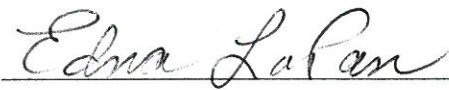
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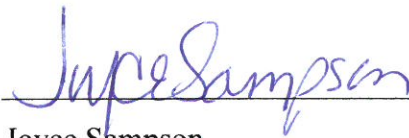
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