

Millbury COA
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2023
7:35 am

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Members In Attendance: Steve Walinsky, Stuart Mulhane, Laurie Corkery, Kevin Higginbottom
Laurie Keefe, Director Joshua Ryan Program Administrator, Sean Hendricks Town Manager.

MINUTES: The minutes for the April 19,2023 meeting were approved as amended. Motion to approve meeting minutes from the April 19,2023 made by Stuart Mulhane seconded by Laurie Corkery.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STANDING REPORTS

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms. Keefe provide the board with the Revolving budget as requested.
- B. PERSONNEL: Reduction of staff- Mr. Hendricks and Ms. Keefe advised the board that hours of will not be reduced July 1, 2023. Once dispatch for transportation is all set hours will be reduced as needed.
- C. Recruitment of new board members- Mr. Walinsky advised the board that there are 2 possible members. Mr. Hendricks advised the board there will be someone appointed on Tuesday May 23, 2023, for the COA board.
- D. Legislative- none
- E. Senior Center Usage- The Lions Club will be holding their meeting at the Senior Center on May 31, 2023.
- F. Monthly report of program participation- Not Discussed at this time.
- G. Building Maintenance/ Equipment- Mr. Walinsky asked about the drainage issue at the Senior Center. Ms. Keefe advised that there have been no recent issues, and all is well with the plumbing.
- H. Friends of the Millbury Seniors Report- A written report was sent to Mr. Walinsky and was presented to the board. Please see attached.
- I. ELDER SERVICES OF WORCESTER AREA- Mary is still doing meals on wheel as well as serving lunch daily in the kitchen.
- J. INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS/ FRIENDLY VISITOR- Josh advised the board that on May 30, 2023, the BVT NHS students will be coming to the Senior Center to do some clean up in the Garden.
- K. ELDER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM- Not discussed at this time.

- L. OUTREACH MEMORY CAFÉ- Julie is still doing memory café monthly. This month she will be doing karaoke on May 23, 2023.
- M. ANNUAL OBLIGATIONS-REORGANIZATION, STATUORY FILINGS- Not Discussed at this time.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Ms. Keefe presented a written summary of past and proposed activities. (attached) Ms. Keefe advised that Josh is working on summer outdoor activities. He is also working with Blackstone Valley Tourism on potential trips. Josh is also working on getting My Active Center up and running. This will give people access to signing up for activities, classes and trips online. New programs include Cornhole every Tuesday in the garden, and the Walking Club.

There are 3 upcoming trips in the newsletter.

Memory café continues monthly.

There was a volunteer luncheon that was very well attended. The sheriff stopped by to thank all the volunteers. Laurie and Josh are also working on some grant opportunities.

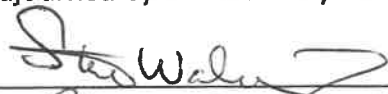
OLD BUSINESS- Policies and Procedures Manual- The board has agreed to do one section of the manual per meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: WTRA Contract with town, and effect on Millbury residents- Town Manager Sean Hendricks advised the board that starting July 1, 2023, the town will hold the contract for the WTRA. This arrangement is a change from the historic arrangement, that has been the WTRA contracting with the Friends organization, on the town's behalf. Mr. Hendricks explained that the reason for the change was dictated by WTRA's desire to normalize the arrangement the WTRA has with all other towns. It was explained to the board that they could neither recommend, nor oppose the change, as it is not a choice, but a necessity. He also advised the board that the only thing changing with the contract is the WTRA will do the dispatch. Residents using transportation will have to call the WTRA to schedule a ride instead of the Senior Center. The WTRA will be doing an informational session with the seniors. We do not have the date for this at this time. The board addressed their concerns for how the scheduling will work. Mr. Hendricks advised that all scheduling will be done by the WTRA and the schedule for the drivers will be sent over the night before.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walinsky. Next meeting date is June 21, 2023.

Steve Walinsky



Stuart Mulhane



Kevin Higginbottom 

Laurie Corkery _____

Respectfully submitted:
Joshua Ryan, Program Administrator