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Board / Committee: **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Meeting Date January 11, 2024 Time: 3:30pm

Meeting Location: Norton Senior Center

Members & Staff Present: Ruth Schneider, Kathy Eno, Pat Zwicker, Carol Kollett, Maryann Dempsey, Lori Dombrowski, Ellen Martins, Tom Golota, Carol McLaughlin, Joan DeCosta.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Joan, seconded by Tom to accept the November minutes. Unanimous vote to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Maryann, seconded by Ellen to accept the report. Unanimous vote to approve.

Old Business: The Friends Goat City fundraiser was a great success.

New Business: We have 2 interns from Southeast Regional High School who are working at the Center 2 days a week. The Valentine Lunch will be held on February 14 at the VFW. Ruth asked for volunteers to help set up and serve. The Chinese New Year will be held February 9th. A thank you note was received from Beth, Cathy and Sosie for the fruit baskets the Board sent them for Christmas.

Friends of the Norton Senior Center: Bill Byrnes reported that the Goat City Fundraiser was very successful. They made \$1865 on the raffles. They have not yet received the amount raised from Goat City receipts. The Friends are working on a trip to Mohegan Sun in March or April. Bill thanked the Board for all that they do to help the Friends.

New Center: Bob Briscoe reported that the building is going well. The date for completion has been moved to end of April or May. The next Building Committee will be January 22. Bob will find out about when the Board will be able to take a walk through of the building.

Director's Report: Beth reported that things are settling down now that open enrollment has ended, and fuel assistance applications are slowing down. Open enrollment was extremely busy. There were 250 processed, but a lot of assistance was given in addition to that. Tax appointments will be starting February 7th. All the

Christmas programs went very well, thanks to so many in the community who volunteered to help. Beth is now scheduling for the Spring programs, and trying to determine how the transfer to the new building will be handled. She asked the Board to provide input on how this should be done. The Computer Literacy Grant has been received, and Beth is working on ordering the equipment needed, which has to be done through the Town.

Beth is working on staffing for the coming year. She is looking at the types of positions that will be needed, hours, etc to prepare funding for the Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Joan, seconded by Maryann.. Unanimous vote to approve.
Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Patricia A Zwicki

Minutes approved by the Board or Committee on: 2/8/24

Chairman Signature: Ruth Schneider