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The Norton Council on Aging meeting was held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Norton Senior Center.

Those in attendance were Tom Bushe, Joan De Costa, Betty Fogarty, Yolanda Lague, Judy Leroux, Natalie Lima, Tim O'Connell, Ruth Schneider and Emy Wheeler. Guests were Kaye Noel, Judy Russalia and Jim Dinsel, former Director of the Norton Council on Aging.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Mr Dinsel was introduced. He spoke about his former position and how it became to be eliminated. He did mention he was running for Selectman. He said he had contacted the Dept of Public Affairs asking about the cities and Towns in Massachusetts who had a senior population about the same as Norton, which is about 2300, they all have Senior Centers and Councils on Aging but that Norton is the only place without a Council on Aging Director. He noted it was imperative to have a Director. If elected as Selectman, he plans to become the gatekeeper of the senior citizens and the veterans of the Town. A lengthy discussion ensued about being able to keep the Senior Center open.

The question of whether to hold an NARPS Senior driving course was discussed. It was decided to file it away for the present time.

A person contacted us regarding country music entertainment for \$100 per hour. It was decided not to engage this person.

Elder Affairs is going to be holding Regional Board Training meetings this spring. There will be one in North Attleboro on May 3rd and Lakeville on May 17. It was asked if anyone wanted to attend.

Bristol County Registry of Deeds is going to come to do an update on Haverstead, etc. in September.

A lady came in to ask about using the Senior Center to distribute shirts, bags and information for the Norton Clean Up Day. This would be for times the Senior Center would not be open. It was decided to say no as a volunteer would have to be here for that.

We have the bill and the contract for "My Senior Center" which was previously voted to purchase.

This was referred to the Town Manager for review.

This has been signed and forwarded to the company. The bill now has to be processed to be paid.

The calendar and newsletter will be finished shortly for May and June.

It was brought to our attention that a bill for \$190 for sorting the senior mail was received. This is for #11 but everything goes out under #11 and noted this is a bill for the Town and not us.

The Secretary Report was read, voted to accept and seconded.

It was reported the door is not fixed yet. The strip has not been painted yet and the threshold needs finishing, a security strip needs to be placed and also a door stop and kick plate.

It was noted on the Secretary Report that the donation account to be set up with the Town

There was a place that the Town Manager have a warrant article place to put this in but this cannot go on a special Town meeting but has to go on a regular Town meeting which will now have to be the next Town meeting so this cannot be done at this point.

The water bill came and is now back to about \$20 which is more like it should be.

The front desk is going to be replaced soon. It was brought up that Plainville has round tables on wheels that fold up. This seems like something we should look into as the tables we have need to be moved often and are very heavy and hard to move for us seniors.

The problem of the men's room not flushing properly was brought up and a big discussion about the cleaning of the cesspool followed. It is not certain what the problem is.

The Treasurer's Report was read. The balance for February is \$2,061.91, income in March was 1,368. which made the balance \$3,429.91. Expenses were \$1,136.90 leaving available \$2,293.01.

This was voted to accept and recorded.

Old Business - We already did.

New Business - Yolanda wants anything to be put in the newsletter to be given to her in writing so there will be no mistakes.

There will be a Senior Spectacular by Representative Betty Poirier on April 20, 10 AM - 2 P. Many information topics are planned.

The Friends are going to have a Memorial Day luncheon at the Senior Center on May 30th.

This will be free. They received a \$200 gift card from Roche Bros for the ham and bean supper but will have over \$100 left so will be having roast chicken, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. While on Vermont trip received a \$25 gift card and bought tin of Charles Chips for this picnic. On June 13th there will be a picnic lunch at Butch Rich's house. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers with either french fries or onion rings at a cost of \$6. Butch is going to cover half so the cost to seniors will be \$3.

There is a Bean Town Trolley on the 20th of June. Epoch is going to do an entertainment program on June 27th.

For woods trip is Wed. May 16th and the bus buses have been scheduled for every other month till the end of the year.

It was noted the friends already have a profit of \$900 from the ham and bean supper. 72 tickets have been sold and there is \$325 from the raffle.

It has been suggested to have a book club on Monday afternoons. It will be put in the newsletter to see if there is interest.

It was voted and seconded to adjourn at 4:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judith M. Lenny
Secretary