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Board/ Committee: Council of Aging

Meeting Date: 9/15/16 Time: 3 :00 PM

Meeting Location: Senior Center 55 West Main St.

Members & Staff Present: Beth Rossi, Kathy Eno, Carol McLaughlin, Pat Zwicker,
Ruth Schneider, Joan DeCosta, Judy Leroux, Robin
Members: Lovering, and Sharon Stedman

The meeting was called to order at 3 PM and adjourned at 4:55

Minutes from the 6/9/2016 Meeting were reviewed & Approved as written.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund: -\$491.80
Formula Grant: \$7507.49
Gift Account: \$1716.36
Revolving Account: \$1418.88

OLD BUSINESS:

*Sharon Stedman and Robin Lovering have been appointed as alternate members of the C.O.A.
Welcome Sharon and Robin!
The new office has been completed and is being used for Human Services, Taxes, Nurse Visits
and any other meetings that demand privacy.
The Friends have agreed to pay for the kitchen paper goods in the future.
Marketing ideas (T-shirts etc.) are being examined.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Activities and Service attendance has increased by 10-300%.
Tai Chi, Meditation, trips, services and new Fall classes have fostered increased attendance
and a more active group.*
- We would like to promote a more positive image for our Senior Center.*
 - A motion was suggested by Ruth and seconded by Joan.*
 - The Town Hall will again be approached for better signage, a leveled service, and painted lines
to promote safety in the back parking area.*
 - Our insect and A/C problems have been addressed.*
 - The Sheriff's office and other outside sources are being approached concerning painting the
outside of the Center.*

The enhancement of our phone system has been on hold for 6 months. We would like that resolved.

We also need a new wireless laptop in the back office.

Plans are ongoing for transportation at the Halloween [Oct. 30] and Veteran's Day [Nov. 11] Parade. Participants needed.

There is a Volunteer Expo coming up at Wheaton. "Fall Clean Up Day" on Nov. 12 is being fueled by students.

We would like to encourage our members to volunteer to help with home visits for the lonely in Norton.

Kathy Varnum is volunteering as an added outreach representative on Fridays. She joins us with a vast amounts of experience.

In the warrant [for free cash] submitted by the Senior Center we have requested \$25,000 funding for full time compensation for our director, and part time compensation for the Outreach Worker and a part time secretary. Please support this recommendation at the October 17 Town Meeting. Come out and VOTE. We will all benefit.

Beth will fill in for the Shine Representative. Bill will be out for a month.

Fuel assistance applications start on Nov. 1.

Beth will be attending the M.C.O.A. Conference this October in Falmouth.

C.O.A. Board Training and an Office Safety Classes are on the agenda for the Fall.

A grant for 1 on 1 hearing enhancement has been applied for.

The \$800 needed for the new Bingo machine has been tabled for this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ralph Stefanelli attended the meeting and spoke on the process of requesting a new Senior Center. A warrant for a "Study of the NEED " for a new Senior Center had been requested and later withdrawn by Mr. Stefanelli. An existing warrant had already been entered on our behalf for funding of needed staffing. The future course of action was discussed between Ralph and the C.O.A. Committee. A Fact Finding Committee of C.O.A. members has been established. Joan DeCosta, Pat Zwicker, Sharon Stedman and Carol McLaughlin have volunteered. Primary information has already been gathered from visits to 4 local centers and examination of land availability. We will next look into the state of a previously established building fund, explore new sites and gather expertise from the town's building committee.

The next meeting will be October 13, 2016

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Carol McLaughlin

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____

Chairman Signature: _____