

Council on Aging Board

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

Present: Chair Marilyn Hurst, Vice Chair Rose Morace, Secretary Ellie Tyson, Director Amy Saada, Marybeth Bergeron, John Bowen, Saul Finestone, Fran Miffitt, Julia Moulton, Eleanor Stolar, Select Board Liason Marie Angelides.

Absent: Phil Hallahan, Jay Leib, Fannie Lin, George Shea.

Guest: Liaison from FOLOCA Bill Morey, Jerry Nolet, Robin Frechette.

- I. **Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 9:35am. Marilyn mentioned new projects for Amy to check into – to get lazy susans for lunch room tables; and check with DPW regarding handicapped Sani-cans for all parks in town. Also, our thoughts for what to do for Amy leaving in February. We would send out a memo to all department heads. We will have an open house Thursday February 2nd; starting at 12:30pm in the dining room. We will serve cake, coffee, and fruit. Steering committee Eleanor, Ellie, Julia and Marilyn. Mike will produce a booklet with all Amy's pictures and her year and a half time at the center.
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes were approved.
- III. **Treasurer's report:** Amy passes out the report, plus the budget information. Next year's budget will be for the town to cover the kitchen help and the cook's salary.
 - a. **Director:** Amy is working on getting the revolving account back when the new director comes. Her job has been posted. Fran noted this is the second time in 3 years that we have lost a director due to salary.
 - b. **Select Board:** Marie: The board will be looking for the best person to replace Amy. All money appropriations have to go before town meetings in order to pass. The select board will have a discussion on what is needed for the town over the next 20 years. Marie notified us of 2 vacancies on the council that we can fill. Robert Petroff and Jim Russell resigned.
 - c. **ACBC:** Julia questioned where we were with ACBC. Marie stated we would be on a warrant article in the spring for design funds. The school committee is "hot on our heels" for a new middle school. There will be a meeting on the 23rd to discuss the operating course. The select board has passed the age friendly Longmeadow application. Marybeth: A motion for Marilyn to talk to Steven Crane for having Sani-cans at all parks for seniors. Motion seconded and passed.
 - e. **GSSI:** Fran noted that the director was retiring – GSSI does a great job for seniors and has a lot of services.
 - f. **FOLOCA:** Has been working on credit card information for use of credit cards in the Maple Tree Shop. Bill said FOLOCA would pay for food and drink for Amy's party.

g. **Advocacy:** Eleanor read letters from suggestion box.

IV. **Announcements:** Marilyn will check with Bill Morey regarding lazy susans for dining room tables.

V. **Old Business:** None.

VI. **New Business:** see above.

VII. **Adjournment:** 11:30 am meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellie Tyson