

Commission on Aging
February 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting
Senior Center
95 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jean Stawicki, Linda Grzeika, Goldie Liverant, Nan Wasniewski, (one vacancy).

MEMBER ABSENT: Treasurer Marjorie Mlodzinski, Roberta Avery.

OTHERS PRESENT: Senior Center Director Patty Watts, Board of Education Liaison Mary Tomasi, Board of Education Member Mary Bylone, Guest Linda Pasternak.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Stawicki called this meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to move Item 3 to this point in the agenda.

Second by: G. Liverant.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. Meet Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Burt

Superintendent Burt gave a synopsis of his previous service before accepting the Superintendent of Schools position here in Colchester. Superintendent Burt noted the new Mission Statement recently adopted by the Board of Education - "We create innovative thinkers for a dynamic world."

Discussion with Superintendent Burt followed about involvement with the school children and seniors in various programs in the past and for future collaboration. Superintendent Burt will be presenting the Board of Education budget soon and is willing to present a review of that budget to the seniors.

It was suggested that school music presentations and art shows along with other school activities be provided to the Senior Center for incorporation into their newsletter so seniors could attend these events.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Stawicki called for nominations for Vice Chair.

N. Wasniewski nominated L. Greizka for the Vice Chair position.

Second by: G. Liverant.

No other nominations were received.

Vote: Unanimous to approve L. Greizka for Vice Chair.

4. Additions to the Agenda

No additions were requested.

5. Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of the January 14, 2019, regular meeting were submitted for approval.

Motion by: L. Greizka

Second by: G. Liverant.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the minutes as read.

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6. Financial Report

P. Watts presented the following report:

Transportation Itemizations for January 2019.

Daily Transportation	1/25/19	\$51.00
Trips	1//25/19	32.00
Combined total		\$83.00
Year to Date Total		\$1761.76

As M. Mlodzinski was absent, there was no CoA report at this time.

7. Director of Senior Services Report

Director Watts noted that the Town has re-launched their website. She felt the new site is much easier to navigate. The Senior Center page now has well-organized tabs for annual membership, Making Memories Program, Newsletter, Programs and Services, Senior Nutrition, Senior Transportation, Travel Opportunities and Useful Links and Resources including Federal resources (Medicare, SSA, VA) and the Senior Resource Guide.

There are no copies of the Colchester Resource Guides left, so CoA will need to revise/reprint.

Throughout the month of February the Senior Center is collecting donations for the American Heart Association with hearts for \$1.00, lapel pins and rubber bracelets for \$5.00. All proceeds will support the American Heart Association.

The AARP Tax has trained volunteers to provide free tax preparation service from February 8-March 29. Appointments times are filling fast.

P. Watts is developing the FY 2020 budget for Senior Services and will include additional staffing support for Social Services programs possibly through the Youth and Social Services Department.

Grant applications have been sent to the Lion's Club to request funding support for Making Memories Program, applying for continued funding for the Making Memories Programs through the Title III Grant and the Municipal Grant Program funding that supports our medical transportation services.

The Colchester Senior Center Facebook page was re-launched in late January.

A new chimney liner was replaced at the Senior Center building last Friday.

The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019 in observance of Presidents' Day.

8. Old Business

P. Watts stated that Pam Atwood has been booked for a presentation on Senior Bullying on April 23, 2019 at 10:30 am. Light refreshments will be served.

9. New Business

9.1 Coalition on Aging

This group is the Commission on Aging Roundtable, a group made up of representatives from Commissions and Senior Centers from area towns to discuss senior issues. The next meeting scheduled in June will be hosted by this Commission, date to be announced.

10. CoA Projects

10.1 Brochure/Logo

The Resource Guide needs to be revised/updated and reprinted. L. Greizka will research the last revision copy.

11. Commission Membership

There is currently one member vacancy and two alternate vacancies.

12. Citizens' Comments

No comments were received.

13. Adjournment

Motion by: L. Greizka

to adjourn this Regular Meeting.

Second by: G. Liverant.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Stawicki adjourned this meeting at 9:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk