

Commission on Aging  
October 12, 2021 – Regular Meeting  
Zoom Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Marjorie Mlodzinski, Vice Chair Nan Wasniewski, Treasurer Linda Pasternak, Secretary Gerrie Transue, Rosanne Tousignant at 8:33 am, Alternate Quinn Kozak.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sandra Gaetano, Roberta Avery, Alternate Nola Weston.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Senior Center Director Patty Watts, Board of Selectmen Liaison Rosemary Coyle.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Marge Mlodzinski called this Regular Meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Chair Mlodzinski called for a motion to seat Quinn Kozak as a voting member to establish a quorum.

**Motion by:** N. Wasniewski  
to seat Q. Kozak.

**Second by:** L. Pasternak.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve by those present.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Mlodzinski led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

No additions were requested.

R. Tousignant joined the meeting at this point but due to technical difficulties did not have a stable connection.

**4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No comments received.

**5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 13, 2021**

Minutes of the September 13, 2021 were submitted for approval. It was noted that Item 6.1 of the Financial Report should read, \$466.26 and in Item 9.2 Programs for 2021 correct spelling to read Kris Sortwell and to correct dates to November 1, 8, and 15 for the program.

**Motion by:** G. Transue  
to approve the minutes as amended.

**Second by:** N. Wasniewski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve by those present.

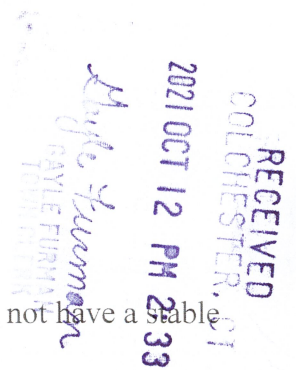
**6. FINANCE REPORT**

**6.1 CoA**

Treasurer Pasternak said there is \$466.26 in the account and Printing & Publications has \$300 with a new line item for the Health Fair having \$200.

**6.2 Senior Center**

Director Watts noted the Transportation Report have been corrected. Report is attached.



**7. CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Mlodzinski stated the Colchester Openness to Respect Equity Committee (CORE) is accepting applications for membership. The applications are on the Town website.

A report on the CoA Bylaw review will be given in November. AARP is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates program at 1:00 today, October 13, by Zoom. Voting is November 2 from 6 am to 8 pm. Absentee ballots are available now.

**8. DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT**

Report attached.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**9.1 Senior Center Building Committee**

The committee continues to provide education outreach with scheduled presentations at Ponemah Village and Dublin Village. Notices will go out soon in the school backpack program. The Board of Finance met on October 6, and required more information before approving the project. There is a Special BOF Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12. The Board will review updated debt service analysis to determine the impact. The BOF must approve the project to move to the BOS meeting that will follow directly. A thirty day warning period must be held, a Town meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 4 and the Senior Center referendum tentatively scheduled for November 16.

G. Transue stated that she felt it is very important for citizens to attend these meetings to get factual information.

**9.2 Alzheimer's Association**

A three part ZOOM presentation is planned as stated for November 1, 8, 15, 2021.

An article will be sent to The Rivereast Bulletin. One zoom invite will apply to all three sessions.

**9.3 Community-Wide Health Fair**

The committee members met with Principal C. Bennet at WJMS for a tour of the building. No date has been decided as the school calendar has not been set. The committee is hoping to have a May 2022 date. Planning is ongoing.

**9.4 Norton Park Committee**

N. Wasniewski said the demolition crew were removing interior materials last week and the house at 129 Westchester Road should be torn down by this week. The committee is still accepting donations, large or small, as there is no Town money available to "build" the park.

**9.5 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

Chair Mlodzinski said the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee has completed the application process and all information is on the Town website. The application must state how the monies will be used to address a negative economic impact from Covid-19.

**9.6 Biennial Report**

Chair Mlodzinski is working on the Biennial Report for 2020-2021.

**10. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

The commission is at full membership.

**11. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No comments received.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by:** L. Pasternak  
to adjourn this meeting.

**Second by:** N. Wasniewski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

Chair Mlodzinski adjourned this meeting at 9:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Clerk

**Director of Senior Services Report  
CoA Meeting October 12, 2021**

In September we saw off the first trips with our travel vendors since the shutdown. Our trips are selling very well, with all day trips through December sold out and 17 members registered for our large international trip to Canada in June 2022. We are getting started on booking travel dates in 2022 for local day trips now.

This afternoon, there will be a Meet the Candidates Forum sponsored by AARP, held via Zoom, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. AARP still has guidelines for gathering in person for no more than 5 people, which is why the forum will be held virtually. Candidates on the ballot for the offices of FS, BOS, BOF and BOE received invitations.

The grant which funds our Making Memories Program began, effective October 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through September 30, 2022. I am finishing up the Year End Reporting for that grant from last fiscal year, due to Senior Resources AAA by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will be hosting presentations by the SCBC specifically for CHA residents. October 18<sup>th</sup> will be for Dublin Village and October 25<sup>th</sup> will be for Ponemah Village, with bus transportation provided by request.

We have a lot of fun, seasonal programs going on this month: Harvest Delight Dessert Buffet, Oktoberfest Luncheon, Leaf Peeping Trip on the senior bus, Halloween Pizza Party/Costume Contest, to name a few.

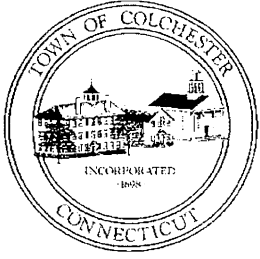
The senior center will be hosting a public Flu Shot Clinic, provided by Chatham Health District on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 p.m.

I am collaborating with our In-Town Drivers, working to revamp our transportation schedule. Our goal is to cut down on the back-and-forth driving that has been happening, eliminating redundancies and increasing efficiencies. We expect to roll out these changes in January 2022, giving members time to adapt their schedules to the changes.

The department is preparing for the upcoming maternity leave of our Program Coordinator, Ruth Reinwald, anticipated to begin in mid-December. Ruth has been doing a lot of preparation in advance of her leave, we are training some key volunteers to assist us with clerical duties, and I will be setting up and supervising programs in Ruth's absence.

**Attendance & Meals Served:**

- Meals delivered in August: Community Café: 282 MOW: 501
- Monthly transports in August: 760
- Monthly attendance in August: 1,766
- Total Membership: 1,452



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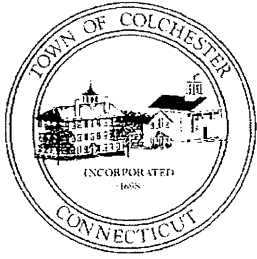
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## **Transportation Itemization for July 2021**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Daily Transportation	7/30/2021	\$0.00    Total
 Trips	 7/30/2021	 \$0.00    Total
  Combined Total		  \$0.00
Year to Date Total		\$0.00



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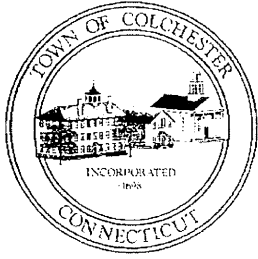
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## **Transportation Itemization for August 2021**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Daily Transportation	8/25/2021	\$367.00	Total
 Trips	 8/25/2021	 \$65.00	 Total
  Combined Total		  \$432.00	
Year to Date Total		\$432.00	



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## **Transportation Itemization for September 2021**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Daily Transportation	9/30/2021	\$92.00    Total
Trips	9/30/2021	\$93.00    Total
Combined Total		\$185.00
Year to Date Total		\$617.00