

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSION ON AGING
LISBON SENIOR CENTER
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Commission on Aging was called to order by Leonora Szruba, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dorothy Coggins, Joseph Doran, Mary Grant, Leonora Szruga,
Blanche Todriff, Karen Washington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Gahrman, Fidelis Kershaw, Carol Sadowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Anastasia Milhomme, Makenzie Crouch, Student Ambassadors

2. Reading of previous minutes

J. Doran moved to accept the previous minutes as mailed. M. Grant seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

3. Correspondence

Memo, Stephen E. Brown, Lisbon Central School Service-Learning Coordinator, Re: Student Ambassadors (Makenzie Crouch, Anna Gosselin, Anastasia Milhomme)

4. Bills and actions thereon

a. Review Financial Statements – None Available

b. Ratify/Approve Bills

M. Grant moved to approve ratification of bills 1 – 4. D. Coggins seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

M. Grant moved to accept bills 5 – 10 for payment. B. Todriff seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

5. Senior Coordinator's Report – attached

Karen Washington, Senior Coordinator/Municipal agent submitted and reviewed her report dated December 4, 2017.

6. Old Business

a. Requests to Selectmen

Mrs. Szruba read the following letters: 1) to the Board of Selectmen, December 4, 2017, Re: Back-up Bus (for emergencies); Security Systems for Municipal Buildings; 2) to Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman, December 4, 2017, Re: Questions about Senior Van Back-up Driver's Town Insurance Liability/Mileage

It was the general consensus of those present to go forward with the letters.

b. Shooting Stars' Treasury Update

Mrs. Szruba reported that the process of setting up the Shooting Stars' account is nearly completed; debit cards for emergencies have been issued for the account and checks are in the process of being ordered.

BILLS FOR RATIFICATION/APPROVAL AT THE 12/4/17 COA MEETING

FOR RATIFICATION:

- 1) Uncas Gas - \$1,013.02 for 10/30 delivery of 613.4 gals @ \$1.6515 (70141 Utilities – 11/21/17)
- 2) Verizon - \$28.26 for van cell phone (70141 Utilities – 11/21/17)
- 3) Frontier - \$48.91 for Sr Ctr telephone (70141 Utilities – 11/21/17)
- 4) dll Financial Solutions - \$98.18 copier lease (70153 Copier Expenses – 11/21/17)

FOR APPROVAL:

- 5) Walmart - \$447.30 for food purchases (Sandwich Program Special Revenue Acct)
- 6) Comcast -\$66.62 for cable (70141 Utilities)
- 7) Eversource - \$407.22 for 1,956 kwh electricity 10/18 to 11/16/17 (70141 Utilities)
- 8) ASP Security Systems - \$730 for 2 service calls and installation of cellular alarm system (70142 – Sr Ctr Maintenance)
- 9) ASP Security Systems - \$30 for 1.5 mo monitoring of new cellular system (70142 Sr Ctr Maintenance)
- 10) W.B Mason - \$77.45
 - a) \$1.50 monthly water cooler rental fee (70130 – Sr Cit Services)
 - b) \$17.97 for 3 jugs water (70141 Utilities)
 - c) \$18 for jug deposit (70141 Utilities)
 - d) \$18 CREDIT memo for jug deposit (70141 Utilities)
 - e) \$25.99 – kitchen paper towels (Sand Prog Spec Rev Acct)
 - f) 31.99 for bathroom tissue (70151 Sr Ctr Supplies & Expenses)

Commission on Aging

Monthly report

For the month of:	September	October	November
Center visitors	426/20	459/21	361/18
Van rides	80	50	66
Meals on wheels	118	124	102
Sandwich program	165	161	149
Other meals	18	57	58

We had the following trips in November:

11/14/17 – Aqua Turf
11/28/17 – Newport Playhouse

We are having the following trips in December:

12/9/17 – Providence Performing Arts
12/11/17 – Yankee Candle/Forest Park Lights/Cracker Barrel
12/19/17 – LaSalette Shrine

We had our pot luck with turkey on November 16th. Senator Cathy Osten came and spoke regarding the recent Connecticut budget and how it will affect seniors.

The Medicare Savings Program has been substantially decreased and is devastating to thousands of seniors across the state. There are several initiatives underway, including mailings and phone calls to fight this piece of the legislation. There will be a rally that will take place in Hartford at a later date. We plan to get as many as we can to attend.

TVCCA will be here on December 5th to help with energy assistance applications for those that want to apply for benefits.

Our annual holiday luncheon is being held on December 7th. We will have over 60 in attendance.

Our annual craft sale at Lisbon Central School is on December 14th and 19th.

Winter Breakfast is on December 20th.

There is going to be a Red Cross Blood drive on December 27th from 11:00 am to 4:00pm.

The alarm system has been changed over to a cellular system. There was initially problems with false alarms being sent but has since been fixed.

A new heat zone valve was replaced in the coordinator's office due to not having heat.

Submitted
December 4, 2017 by
Karen Washington

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7. New Business

a. Medicare Savings Program

Ms. Washington reported that the recently passed state budget makes drastic cuts to the Medicare Savings Program by cutting income eligibility levels that are used to qualify individuals for the program effective January 1, 2018. She advised that seniors are being encouraged to contact legislatures and possible go in groups to Hartford to protest.

b. Budget Planning

Ms. Washington reviewed the proposed budget request for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

c. Heat Zones – Office, Restrooms

Ms. Washington advised that a heat zone valve was replaced in her office noting that the rest of the senior center is fine.

d. Carpeting

After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of those present to have the Senior Coordinator begin the process of getting quotes for new carpeting.

8. Any other business which may properly come before the Commission

J. Doran moved to add: Van, LED Lighting, and Outdoor Lighting to Other Business. The motion was seconded by D. Coggins. VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

a. Van

After advising the commission of recent repairs to the van, Ms. Washington led a discussion about exploring the possibility of replacing it.

b. LED Lighting

Ms. Washington reported that the school's lighting is now LED noting that she will follow-up with the First Selectman regarding previous discussions of doing the same at the senior center.

c. Outdoor Lighting

Mr. Doran reported that there are some lights off on the outside of the building. He then suggested that LED should be considered for exterior lighting along with the interior lighting.

9. Adjournment

J. Doran moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by M Grant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED


Marlene Lepore, clerk

APPROVED: _____
Leonora J. Szruba, Chairman

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ATTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK
