

Town

Council on Aging
Millville Senior Center
Minutes of Wednesday October 14, 2020 5:30 pm

Attendance: Chairman Pam Kobetitsch, Vice-Chair Lori Legere,
Secretary Diane Lamoureux, Members: **Paul Moore absent**, Sue Robbins

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting opened by Chairman Pam Kobetitsch 5:30 PM
2. **Accept minutes** from September 9, 2020 meeting.
Motion to Accept: Chairman Pam Kobetitsch Second: Vice-Chair Lori Legere
4 Ayes Nays **Passed**
3. **Chairman Updates:**
 - Chairman Pam Kobetitsch asked Secretary Diane Lamoureux to read a letter received from Patricia Finn Conveying her interest in becoming a member of the Council on Aging! After reading her letter Pat was able to tell us why she wanted to become a member, expanded on her qualifications, described her history of working/volunteering in many departments of Millville, and along with her husband Gerry were on the Committee helping make the Millville Senior Center become a part of history as having their very own building on June 27, 2007, 13 years ago! Pat's goals are: 1, being a senior citizen herself she hopes to build support for our seniors, 2. Being retired she has valuable skills and life experiences that she can put to beneficial use, and 3. She welcomes and enjoys the challenge ahead of her. After questions and answers, Motion was made by Diane Lamoureux to accept the nomination of Patricia Finn to join the Council on Aging, with member Sue Robbins seconding the motion. Membership voted 4-0 to welcome Pat to our Board! Chairman Pam contacted the Board of Selectmen to invite Pat to their BOS meeting, Monday Oct. 19th to accept her for this position and have her sworn in as soon as possible! Welcome Pat Finn.
 - Chairman Pam thanked the COA members for their support of the Senior Work Off program, voted on at the Special Town Meeting on Saturday October 4, 2020! The Warrant #10 for Seniors, and #11 for Veterans, passed unanimously! The work Director Tina Cook did to make this happen was outstanding and had all the members of the Council on Aging in full support as well as the BOS and Millville residents!
 - Chairman Pam thanked Rep. Mike Soter and his Aide Eric Eisner for providing 65 lunch boxes prepared and handed out on Thursday September 24, 2020. Pam also thanked Diane Lamoureux for helping Rep. Soter providing lists of our Millville Seniors and she along with Director Tina contacted all seniors and Diane was the contact person for this event. Everything went smoothly and the seniors were also handed a little goody bag with useful items from the Millville Police Dept., Fire Dept. and Vice-Chair Lori Legere. We saw many happy faces behind all their masks, much laughter and joy shared amongst the quick drive by. Thank you all who participated, it was wonderful!
4. **Vice-Chair Updates: Status of Covid 19 openings-** asked to come after Directors report
5. **Director's Report** – monthly update:
 - Director Tina Cook mentioned that the Serve Safe Program will be held November 7, 2020, from 9-1. A motion was made by Diane Lamoureux to have two persons take part in this program which will be paid for by the Council on Aging. Second was made by Lori Legere. The two people taking this class is Tina Cook and Tony Catalano. 4 Ayes motion **passed**

- Director Tina Cook posts articles in the Blackstone Enlightener each month to keep the public aware of the happenings at the Millville Senior Center.
- Director Tina said the Craft Class lead by Juliette Gauthier is back on Mondays, the dance class taught on Tuesdays by Mary Ryan are running smoothly and following the distancing guidelines. The Paint Classes by Diane Lamoureux will be starting in November, as the Flu Clinic is being held in the hall next Monday the 19th so the paint class is moved to Blackstone for this month only! Members were hoping that the Blackstone Enlightener could be delivered to the Millville Senior Center. Tina will check on that.
- Questioned and tabled from last month was the status of the septic system. Director Tina was in contact with James Darling who advised we were good for two more years before any pumping would be needed.
- Question was asked by member Sue Robbins about the status of our accounts in the budget. Can we have a printout at the start of our meetings so we will know where we stand in the budget before making any decisions on costly items that may be coming up. We have a Capital Planning list to fill out for future requests that we should be discussing and planning on now to make informed decisions. Tina said she is in contact with our town accountant Derek, and that the tally she is keeping agrees with his and she will present this information for each meeting. Director Tina announced the windshield on the Van was broken and repaired.
- Two pop-up tents were purchased and paid by the Cares Act because of Covid 19 concerns...and the tents would provide protection for activities held outside.
- The Director has been busy helping seniors with problems they have and help them get satisfactory results.
- Tina is hoping to have the dance class videoed to share on cable for all to see!
- Tina has also been working hard at completing the Formula Grant...mailed out today.
- It was brought to our attention that there is a Legislative Earmark Grant that helps with repairs that may be needed and costly for area Senior Centers. Money is available...we need to apply soon!
- Ron Kelly from the Cultural Council is looking into the possibility of allowing some of the Grants Tina was awarded for entertainment but were not utilized because of the center being closed...due to Covid 19.
- Chairman Pam said there was a meeting held about the (CBD business on Prospect St. near our Senior Center) has been approved. They will employ about 40 persons preferably Millville residents. Traffic will enter on Hope St. and exit on Prospect St.
- Once again Tina reminded the members that the visiting nurses will be having a Flu Clinic here at the Center on Monday October 19th from 1-3. 30 persons signed up.

6. **Vice-Chair Updates: Status of Covid 19 openings**

- Vice-Chairman Lori Legere asked if Director Tina Cook has a sign-up sheet and/or Covid forms for anyone entering the Senior Center for tracking purposes. Director Tina said she does...and if needed she can take persons temperatures if there is any question of illness.
- Lori asked if there is a check list being used on the Van? Answer, there is.
- Also suggested was purchasing about 50 more masks, but the plastic ones that cover the face and are easier to breathe in...we all agreed. There is more money left in the Cares Act, and needs to be used up before December. Also suggested was purchasing more of the disinfectant used on the Van before and after each use with the air sprayer as this pandemic is ongoing and we don't want to run out.

- Lori Legere asked what the status is on the Generator, Pam announced that Chief Landry oversees this and will advise us soon!
- Still waiting for more estimates for the vinyl fencing.

7. Open Discussion:

- Guest in attendance, Gerry Finn, asked if we received the Capital Planning Grant form that needs to be filled out before Nov. 4th from Jennifer Gill Planning Committee? Considered are repair costs upwards of \$10,000.00.
- Director Cook said yes, she did but was not sure what should be considered. Mr. Finn shared a report from the state on Capital Planning and that showed what can be considered. It was also agreed that we need to consider that the Millville Senior Center has not replaced the roof which possibly only has about 6 more years of life left, because it was installed for the Center's opening June 27, 2007! We need to earmark repairs now!
- Also considered was the life's expectancy of the heating system and the air conditioning system? How old is it...how long will it last?
- The need for fence repairs or replacement, not using wood that rots in short time!
- Think of items for the Van...replacing tires, seat conditions, plexi glass quality, handrails, lift life expectancy for wheelchair lifts? Walking matts condition?
- Do we have enough insulation...are windows drafty, front doors in need of repairs?
- Another thought was installing solar panels to save money and have them done the same time as the roof?
- Someone suggested possible paving for the side of the building or resurfacing what is already there?

Ultimately all these items will save energy and money for the town!

8. Talked about having a quick meeting to gather information and costs on listed items for Oct. 28? Possibly.
9. Next COA Meeting, Wednesday November 4, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.
10. Motion to adjourn by Diane Lamoureux, Second by Sue Robbins 4 Ayes Time 7:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Secretary Diane Lamoureux October 16, 2020

Motion to Accept: Pam Kobetitsch Second by: Lori Legere 3 Ayes Nays Passed

Diane Lamoureux

Pam Dean Kobetitsch

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