

**Town of Millville Council on Aging**  
**Minutes of Meeting September 9, 2021**

Meeting was held at the Millville Senior Center

Members in Attendance:      Diane Lamoureux, Chairperson  
   Pat Finn, Secretary  
   Larry Pearson, Member  
   Tina Cook, Director

Members Absent:                Sue Robbins, Pam Kobetitsch

Guests:                            Sandra Caswell

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairperson, Diane Lamoureux, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A Moment of Silence was held for Tina Cook's brother-in-law, David Thompson, who passed away recently.

As there was no quorum present at this meeting, acceptance of minutes from meetings on July 8, 2021, and August 12, 2021 were tabled until next regularly scheduled meeting on October 14, 2021.

**Chairperson Report**

**Mask Requirement Policy**

Since the last meeting whereby a Policy was put into place by the COA requiring all visitors to the Senior Center wear masks, whether or not vaccinated, there has been quite a stir made from the general public regarding this policy. Prior to implementing the policy, Diane met with our Town Administrator, who agreed that we should have a policy in place.

At our last Senior Luncheon, rep. Mike Soter and our Board of Selectmen Chair Jennifer Gill, also agreed to and supported a mask policy for the Senior Center in order to protect our most vulnerable citizens.

Since that luncheon, the Board of Health had a meeting and decided against supporting any mask mandates in Town, and specifically at the Senior Center. They felt that, because they were elected officials and they had heard from many Millville citizens that masks were not wanted, they would not support our policy. They also stated that our Covid numbers are not rising, and that the Town does not have any issues. According to the State, however, we currently have 6 Covid positive people in Millville. This is an increase!

As a COA, we are extremely disappointed that the BofH is not looking out for the health of our citizens but seems to be more politically motivated in their support. We will continue to support our mask policy at the Millville Senior Center.

Tina mentioned that she is currently receiving information from a nurse from Worcester with current Covid statistics. This information used to be forwarded to the Board of Health.

### Welcome New Member:

We were unable to welcome Sandy Caswell as a new member of the COA because the last BOS meeting was cancelled. There is a meeting next week which will hopefully take place, and at which time, they will appoint Sandy to our Board.

### Pat Finn – Flyer:

Our recent yellow EDDM (Every Door Delivery Mail piece) went out to 1,235 houses and PO Boxes in Millville with the entire first side dedicated to Covid vaccination information and the COA Mask policy. The second side included important phone numbers in Town, Internet assistance, where to find information, and a Senior Center September Schedule.

Because of the public service announcement regarding Covid and the fact that the flyer went to all households, the incurred costs (approximately \$300) will be picked up by the CARES Act Funds.

Discussion ensued about sending out another similar public service announcement at the end of the year and having this one funded by the CARES Act funds as well. **Pat will work on information for this new flyer.**

### Coordinator Report:

1. September 13<sup>th</sup> is a hot dog lunch at the Senior Center. We believe this is being paid for by the Senior Club. Discussion around the mask policy and how to enforce it. Pat and Gerry Finn will be in attendance in case any trouble erupts and have no problem with assisting those who need to wear masks.
2. Some talk about the painting classes being funded by the Cultural Council and other Grants and whether or not Seniors who do not live in Millville can attend. Confirmed: The Senior Center and all corresponding programs are open to all seniors!
3. Information is needed for the upcoming Blackstone Enlightener. Tina will add our upcoming painting classes to the insertion
4. Tina was asked if our recent flyer generated any phone calls on a proposed newsletter. Nothing to date, just received calls on Fuel Assistance and EBB. We decided to push communicating with the Senior Center on updated contact information in the next flyer.
5. **Cable Channels for Public Access are still not working. It was suggested that as many people as possible contact Charter to complain. Tina will put in all contact information on our Facebook pages.**
6. Next paint class will be September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Member Forum:

1. Discussed possibility of holding a flu clinic at the Senior Center. **Tina will contact Sherry** but last time we held a clinic, we had a disappointing turnout.
2. October luncheon was discussed, and Tina and Tony want to have "soup and sandwiches" made in our kitchen. Tony has a contact at the Restaurant Depot and can get the sandwich fillings and would also like to make chicken soup. Pat volunteered to make a second soup, squash bisque.



3. Questions arose regarding the upcoming approved Capital project work to be done but still not scheduled. Tina will contact Russell Page regarding the flooring (start with kitchen since appliances have been disconnected), skirting (Lincoln Barber gave verbal "no permit needed") and outdoor back-of-building motion detector/security lights. We need to push these projects to completion!
4. Emergency generator has been installed (9/4) and is waiting for hookup with the gas company.
5. Brief discussion on Christmas party and perhaps getting the chorus back together for this event and have a holiday sing-along.
6. Statistics: Our vans gave rides to 44 people in August.
7. Minor accident happened outside Senior Center, where a woman tripped when walking in between the walkway and the curb. Her daughter called with some OSHA information and stated that lines on these curbs and walkways needed to be painted fluorescent yellow. Tina contacted the people who did our parking lot and lines; they never heard of the yellow and painted all lines White. After talking to our TA, we will repaint those lines in Yellow, payment for same coming from the CARES funds.
8. Monthly budget was handed out; **agreed to go over budget expenses at every monthly meeting**. An additional column will be added for actual monthly expenses, then balance on hand, to avoid confusion. Expenses are higher than expected on Vehicle Repairs as the wipers need some repair.
9. Tax Work-Off. Larry heard that the Town Clerk needed help shredding and he volunteered, free of charge, but has not heard back. We also heard that Lincoln Barber needs help with filing. **Pat Finn will contact the TA for a specific list of jobs/tasks** needed to be accomplished at town hall and will add these to the next flyer. We are positive that there is someone out there who would like to help out the Town and receive a rebate on their yearly taxes!

### Public Forum:

Question was asked about discounted tickets at Southwick's for Festival of Lanterns and Winter Wonderland. **Diane will check with Betsy Brewer** as soon as she is available.

Next meeting will be held on October 14, 2021, at 5:30 at the Millville Senior Center.

Meeting was Adjourned by Diane Lamoureux at 6:45 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by Patricia Finn, Secretary, COA

10/14/21 No quorum - Notes submitted for records only. - AF

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