

**Town of Millville Council on Aging**  
**Notes From Meeting with Millville Senior Club**  
**March 7, 2022**

Meeting was held at the Millville Senior Center at 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Diane Lamoureux, Chairperson, COA  
Pat Finn, Secretary, COA  
Tina Cook, Director, Millville Senior Center  
Sue Robbins, Vice Chair, COA (arrived late)  
Absent: Pam Kobetitsch, Larry Pearson, Sandra Caswell

Richard Hurteau, President, Senior Club  
Denice Benjamin, Vice President, Senior Club  
Ellen Bowen, Secretary, Senior Club  
Judy Monroe, Treasurer, Senior Club

Donald Lamoureux, Public

As there was no quorum, the meeting started at 10:00 a.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Paul Moore, Diane Lamoureux made sure attendance was taken and handed out several items, i.e., 10 Commandments of a successful meeting, senior "joke" sheet. Richard Hurteau then handed in an e-mail from Carrie Benedon, Assistant Attorney General, Director, Division of Open Government giving Richard permission to request an audio recording of the meeting. Diane Lamoureux agreed.

Diane spoke first regarding meeting protocol and a brief summary of why we requested a meeting, specifically with regard to the Senior Club having sent out notification of an upcoming meeting/event with signup sheet and monies owed, using the Millville Senior Center as the communication and collection point for that meeting. She discussed that Tina Cook is an employee of the Senior Center and is not to be used in Senior Club business without prior approval from the COA and that a town phone number is not to be used as well. The senior club did not understand why the Senior center could not be used when it had been in the past, and much discussion followed. In summary, the Millville Senior Center is an official town building, and our director, who reports to the Millville COA, is responsible for the good and welfare of all seniors in town, not to any specific clubs. In future, our phone number and our Director would not be used for club business (again without approval from the COA) but the senior club would have to nominate their own member to perform such work.

It was discussed and agreed that the club could have sign-up sheets at the Senior Center, since the COA did previously vote that they could have a bulletin board pertaining to club news at the Center. As far as collecting monies for the club, Richard suggested the use of a locked box somewhere within the Center to be used for senior club members who wanted to pay for events, etc.

The COA would be discussing these proposed "policies" at our next regularly scheduled meeting so that there would be no questions regarding this in the future. Pat also mentioned that all policies and procedures for the Center are being reviewed and revised, if necessary, and kept in one central location so that there would be no further misunderstanding or miscommunications in the future. She showed the meeting group a copy of a recently completed procedure on the newly installed MEMA generator as an example.

The masking policy was again brought up and it was made clear by the COA that the Senior Center would follow the policy of the other Town buildings and that once the mask signs went down, same would occur at the Senior Center.

A question was asked about the number of members on the COA, and Ellen Bowen asked about the COA changing their meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (effective January 1, 2022). She stated that the meeting time was a Town Bylaw and had to be changed at Town Meeting. Pat Finn agreed and stated that a warrant would be brought up at our ATM in May to do so.

The Club was asked if they had additional questions regarding any processes, their expectations and goals, and they had none.

From the COA side, Pat Finn stated that the COA was expecting a positive response from the seniors on budgetary support from the senior club at our ATM, hoped that the COA decisions and policies made for the good of the Senior Center and all seniors would be respected, and hoped for open dialogue in the future for the good of **all seniors in the Town.**

It was the goal of this meeting to open dialogue, air differences, and work together in the future for the common good of all seniors in the Town of Millville.

The meeting came to an end at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Finn  
Secretary, Millville Council on Aging

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Attachments: Carrie Benedon E-mail, Successful Meeting Rules, Senior jokes sheet, Audio  
Recording

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