

Town of Millville Council on Aging
Minutes of Meeting August 17, 2023

Meeting was held at the Millville Senior Center

Members in Attendance: Diane Lamoureux, Chairperson
Larry Pearson, Vice Chair
Pat Finn, Secretary
Richard Hurteau
Sandy Caswell
Sue Robbins
Pam Kobetitsch (Via Phone)
Tina Cook, Director

Guests/Public: Lori Remillard

Diane Lamoureux called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
We started with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for Debbie Ranslow and Glen Therien, who passed away recently.

2. Minutes from Workshop Meeting on June 29, 2023: Quorum present. Motion made by Larry and seconded by Richard to accept the minutes as written. Unanimous vote by Richard, Larry, Pat and Diane. **Minutes of COA July 20, 2023 Meeting:** Motion made by Richard and Seconded by Larry to accept the minutes as written with a spelling change of Taschereau. Unanimous vote by Larry, Richard, Pat and Diane.

3. Monthly Budget Review: Copy provided by Tina of August expenses. Several bills paid out of building repair account #5240, including \$110 to Joe Roy for plumbing issue of removed water bubbler and \$325 to Precision Generator for yearly maintenance of our generator. \$290 was paid to Boucher Energy for annual maintenance on our air conditioning system from the building systems account #5241.

\$110 was paid from the Beaulieu Account to Darrell Crow. Current balance is \$14,951.00. \$265.00 came out of the Formula Grant Fund for Tina's Annual MCOA membership. Some discussion surrounded the Beaulieu Account still not being reconciled. Our expenses agree with the Town, but our deposits do not. We will contact Jane to find out when reconciliation can be expected now that we are in a new fiscal year.

Two (2) donations were received this month; one from Bonnie Yasick in memory of Ron Benoit and one from Garden Wonders from their annual golf tournament of \$900. These went into our donation account.

4. New Business:

a. Upcoming Events: Millville Fire will be at the Center on Thursday, August 24th @ 10:00 a.m. with coffee and pastries. All are welcome to join. We have a craft scheduled for August 28th and

a movie, "The Book Club" on August 31st. Wine glasses and sparkling cider will be served, along with popcorn from Larry.

Assistant Town Clerk Kate will be coming in on September 18th @ 2:00 p.m. to teach us how to take plastic bags and make them into sleeping mats for the homeless. On September 30th (Saturday), Celeste Langlois will be teaching us the art of Quilling at 10:00 a.m.

Question raised by Larry about the request for a used lift chair for a Millville Senior. A gentleman from Blackstone, Donald L, agreed to donate it and delivered it as well.

The Senior Club is having their monthly meeting on September 11th. Senator Fattman wanted to attend but most likely will be present in October (10/16) instead.

b. New COA Facebook Group Update: We have grown from 2 members one month ago to over 60 members. Pat, Tina, Diane and Sharon Shilinsky are administrators of this page. The page continues to develop with the hope that this will be a place for all to find information on what is scheduled at the Senior Center on a regular basis. Sharon will be adding photos from our events as they happen.

c. Rep. Soter Lunch: 45 signed up but 8 were either cancelled or were no shows. Not a bad crowd. It was a nice lunch! Robert, the Musical Bingo person, did a great job and all enjoyed the entertainment after the lunch furnished by Representative Soter. A grant from the cultural council paid for the entertainment.

d. Power Washing Estimates: Our building needs a wash. It has been 2 years since this was done. Tina put out a request for quotes on Face book. She received calls from two people, the best estimate was \$350 from Jeremy Sarge in Webster. He will do the building, carport, shed and sidewalks. This will be paid for from Property Services Budget #5290, and he will repeat next year for \$125.

e. Purchase of Floor Buffer: Tina would like to purchase a buffer from Amazon (Town has an account) for \$429, and Dennis LaRose, our Driver, has said he would provide the service for an hourly fee. We still have \$3000 left from the \$10,000 CPC grant and will use this for new carpet in the lobby and offices as well. Discussion ensued regarding rental vs. purchase, and it was thought that having one on hand would be that much more efficient and keep our floors in good shape. Motion made by Sandy and seconded by Sue to purchase the floor buffer. Unanimous vote.

f. Other items not received within 48 hours: Pat would like to send out a new door-to-door flyer highlighting our new Facebook Page and handed out the proposed copy. This will also include information about the Senior Center being free for all and also clear information about the Beaulieu spending. "Free" was discussed in regard to services or programs. Several changes were made, and this will cost approximately \$350 from our postage account. Richard made a motion and Diane seconded it to send out the flyer as corrected. Unanimous vote.

Diane discussed a group of six seniors who play cards at various locations. They have filed an application to play "Hand, Knee and Foot" at the Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mary Ryan will teach all who would like to play, and Diane will be in charge and open (and close) the Senior Center for this purpose. Refreshments will be brought in weekly. Larry made a motion and Pam seconded it to allow the seniors to play this card game on Wednesdays. They

would like to start on 8/23. Unanimous vote! We are happy to have a new game played at the Center and have new people join us.

5. Old/pending Business:

a. Automatic Front Door Opener. Preston finally installed the electrical outlet and also got the permit from Town Hall for the installation. All State Lock will be coming next week, Monday or Tuesday, to install the hardware. Tina discussed the possibility of a Ring Doorbell or something similar so that she knows when there are people at this automatic door. More research is needed. We will discuss this again next month.

b. Well Filter Update: Richard looked at the piping which would need to be adjusted, from 1" line to a 2" line, so not as easy as an at-home filter. Pat received word back from Joe Roy who said he would "not bother" with a filter if it were him. We decided to close this matter once and for all...no filter on the well, at least not this year.

6. Member Forum:

Tina has a cultural council grant for some entertainment and wanted to provide a magician for the upcoming Senior Luncheon. The Cultural council denied this request @ \$450. She will get in touch with Denise and have her look for her club's entertainment for the next lunch.

Pat discussed some ideas from Sharon for upcoming events, such as a "sock hop" or "Monster Mash" during our proposed Halloween Party. We will discuss more ideas at our next meeting.

Tina received a call from Patrick Claffy from the Model 1 Commercial Vehicles re PO from Mass DOT regarding our new Senior Van which will cost us \$15,721 (our portion). The Town is aware and has committed no more than \$16K. The vehicle will be delivered around January 24th, depending on whether or not we want something special (inside camera) on the van or to have them put graphics on the van, i.e., "Millville Senior Center." Tina is also looking at magnetic signs and other options such as BVT to paint it for us. It was suggested that Tina also talk to Kathy or Dennis about any other requirements needed in the new van.

On another point, Tina said she still wants to keep the old van and will go in front of the BOS to fight for it once the new van is received. Pat reiterated that the BOS has already told us they will not keep the old van. Discussion followed with some feeling that we could use the old van (at an annual cost of \$800 for insurance) to take larger groups on trips, and that we do occasionally have to deny seniors their medical appointments because we only have one van which is already spoken for on a specific date. The larger van would give us the leeway to take larger trips instead of renting a bus. Pat warned that if Tina wants to proceed, she needs strong facts and figures, and that with the many costs the Town is facing, this will not be received positively by the Board. (Note: We did not vote on whether or not the COA is backing Tina on this venture/request and need to do so at a future meeting.)

General discussion on Town happenings and monies and problems facing us in the future.

7. Public Forum:


Nothing mentioned.

8. Next meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled COA Meeting will be on Thursday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m.

Larry made a motion and Richard seconded it that the meeting be adjourned. **Unanimous vote** by all COA members, and meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Finn, Secretary, COA.


Minutes Accepted on: *Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023*

Copies provided at meeting:

1. Agenda for August 17, 2023 meeting
2. Minutes of June 29, 2023 special workshop meeting
3. Minutes from July 20, 2023 COA meeting
4. August expenses
5. September Senior Center Calendar
6. Door-to-door flyer

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