

## **Council on Aging Minutes Wednesday May 15, 2019 5:30 PM Millville Senior Center**

Members in Attendance.

Pam Dean Kobetitsch, Chairman

Diane Lamoureux, Secretary      Lori Legere, Member

Lois Laflamme, Member      Jill Anderson, Outreach Co-ordinator      Tina Cook,

Member Vice-Chair Sue Robbins, absent (hospitalized again)

Meeting called to Order: Time 5:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: All lead by Chairman Pam

Minutes of April 20, 2019 Motion to approve by: Lori Legere, Second by: Lois Laflamme Everyone signed.

Senior Outreach Coordinator Jill Anderson:

1. The cleanup on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, by crews from the Sheriff's Department worked very hard to clean the inside and outside of the Millville Senior Building with a more than satisfactory job. Also, the workers were served a homemade meal of spaghetti and meatballs made by Lois Laflamme. Both days there was no leftovers as the workers were very well fed thanks to Lois.
2. Chairman Pam, Secretary Diane, and member Elaine attended a Conference at Sturbridge Ma., on April 24, 2019, and each member paid their \$20 fee for this conference.
3. Before the luncheon for May 13<sup>th</sup>, the COA members met at the Center to prepare it and install curtains made by Ann Denoncour...and finished setting up the hall for this special occasion!
4. On May 15<sup>th</sup> Jill Anderson and Diane Lamoureux attended Mass Council on Aging Conference in Rutland.
5. A program that was initiated by Jill Anderson was held at the town hall on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with COA members providing refreshments.
6. A copier, scanner, fax machine was donated to the Center, in great working condition.
7. an ambulance full of supplies were donated by residents of Millville coordinated by Kathy Ouellette, Chief Landry, and the generous citizens of Millville, with Steve Furno and Paul Ouellette was delivered to the center!
8. The special event for April 30<sup>th</sup> was cancelled by entertainer John Root...may be rescheduled
9. A wonderful day of **Historic proportions happened on May 13, 2019**. Not only the opening of the Millville Senior Center...but the townspeople coming together the same evening and voting for our budget to be passed. Thank you, Millville residents Thank You.
10. Council on Aging Chairman Pam Kobetitsch and her Welcome Back Remarks.
  - With the hard work, meetings, decisions, budget cuts, BOS meetings, Finance Committee meetings, more budget cut meetings and really hard work Pam gave thanks and gratitude to all her Board Members and Jill Anderson for all the hours and hard work we all put in and have gone through...working so hard and working together to make it possible for the Millville seniors to come Home.
  - Jill Anderson our Outreach Coordinator has been scheduling appointments for the Van usage for medical appointment, arranging for Van drivers to cover this transportation for our seniors and disabilities, while handling the Smoc program, Snap Programs, presenting classes for Medicare members to be, held at the town hall, providing the VNA for flu shots, arranging conferences for the COA members to attend (at their own expense) to learn more about what can be provided by different grants and possibilities to lead our Senior's forward. Jill also files for different grants to support our budget, does town and state reports due each year. All this by working only 2, 6-hour days...and her salary is questioned in the budget?? We think this is absurd...therefore the reason all of Millville needs to come out tonight at 7 pm at the Millville Elementary School, to vote their support and our support to put Jill's salary back in the budget. Millville needs Jill Anderson and a hardworking supportive Council on Aging. Let tonight's vote show we all agree and will support the Millville Senior Center!
  - Next Chairman Pam thanked Representative Mike Soter, and Senator Ryan Fattman for being very supportive of our coming back to the Millville Senior Center today...not only for sponsoring our meal today, each by splitting the tab and making this a free meal for all our Seniors, disabilities, and guests but by as Representative Soter saying he was committed to helping seniors, and said "No one should be left behind"! Representative also initiated the work being done for free by a lawyer helping the Friends of the Millville Seniors completing the form 501 c 3 which will let these "Friends" raise money for Senior programs and activities and to afford to stay in their Center!
  - Senator Ryan Fattman with his beautiful son Grant, expressed their love for Millville's Special people...going through such hard times as not being able to socialize and gather in their Center...will try for a grant check to help the senior center with Rep. Soter...and totally supports an audit, and funding infrastructure!
  - Chairman Pam presented small gifts of appreciation to both Senator Ryan Fattman, and Representative Mike Soter from our Millville Seniors and Council on Aging!

11. Announcement, The Friends of the Millville Seniors has been formed, and the filing of the 501 c (3) form with free help from an Attorney whom Representative Mike Soter acquired for us free of charge. Thank you Representative Soter!
12. And a big THANK YOU to the Chestnut Hill Community Center, Inc. up on the hill, for allowing our Millville Seniors to rent their hall two days per week, each month since July 1, 2018! Thank you for keeping us all together and letting us craft, paint, dance, and play cards and movies. Thank you all.
13. And, to Kathy Ouellette, Chief Landry, Steve Furno, and Paul Ouellette and the residents of Millville for supporting and filling up the ambulance with most of the supplies that will be needed to clean and open our Millville Senior Center. It couldn't have been done without everyone's help!
14. Thank you so very much to everyone who has made this such a wonderful RE-Opening Of our Senior Center.

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- Chairman Pam suggested working on schedules to cover Mondays and Tuesdays at the Senior Center. All members filled in a calendar for days they could cover by volunteering their time to be at the Center for Seniors and visitors to be able to come in if they wish. The Craft classes will be held on Mondays, and dancing and cards on Tuesdays. Paint classes will resume in the future at the center, but currently because of the grant will still be held at CHCA, Inc.
  - The Council on Aging needed to present nominations for officers to be held at our June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Suggested positions are: Pam Dean Kobetitsch to continue as Chairman, Lori Legere for Vice-Chairman, Diane Lamoureux to continue as Secretary, with Elaine Ethier, Sue Robbins, Lois Laflamme, and Tina Cook as members to complete the 7-member board for the Council on Aging.
  - A suggestion was made by Jill to have CPR Training at the Senior Center for the COA members and anyone else wishing to take this training.
  - Members agreed we should have the internet set up in the center...monthly fee \$59.95,
  - Problems noticed at the Center were: locks needed to be fixed for \$900, need for screws for push bar for hall door, faulty light switch in little office.
  - A big thank you for replacing the ceiling tiles by Elaine Ethier and Bill Daiki...as well as painting the black railing...some still need to be done...any volunteers?
  - Also, planters donated by the Ouellette's, filled with beautiful flowers by Kathy Ouellette.
15. On Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> the movie "Till the Clouds Roll by" will be shown by Tim Labonte at the Millville Senior Center...next month's movie will be June 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 to allow the card players to be able to attend.
  16. Jill announced that our very own senior Evelyn McNamara will be honored as Senior of the Month in either May or June. Evelyn will be 96 and is very active in all aspects of need in our town of Millville! Congratulations Evelyn, honor well deserved!

Next COA meeting, **Wednesday June 12, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Millville Senior Center.**

Motion to Adjourn: Diane, second: Elaine, Motion passed. 6 Ayes Time: 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Diane Lamoureux, Secretary, Minutes May 31, 2019

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