

Town of Millville Council on Aging

Minutes of Meeting November 16, 2023

Meeting was held at the Millville Senior Center

Members in Attendance: Diane Lamoureux, Chairperson (arrived 1:07 p.m.)
Larry Pearson, Vice Chair
Pat Finn, Secretary
Richard Hurteau
Sandy Caswell
Sue Robbins
Tina Cook, Director

Absent: Pam Kobetitsch

Guests/Public: Lori Remillard, Ellen Bowen, Judy Munroe

Larry Pearson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Minutes of COA Meeting October 19, 2023: Motion made by Richard and seconded by Sandy to accept the corrected minutes as written. Unanimous vote by Larry, Richard, Pat, Sandy, and Sue.

3. Monthly Budget Review: Copy provided by Tina of October/November to date expenses. The largest bill (\$1,171.71) was for propane tank fill up. \$1,030 was paid out of the Formula Grant for \$890 yearly software update and upkeep of "My Senior Center" and \$140 for lunch program (\$55 was deposited back from lunch donations). On the "My Senior Center" it was suggested that we factor this yearly expense into the general budget line items for our next budget cycle. Monies spent out of the Beaulieu account included exercise classes, painting, musical bingo. Motion made by Richard and seconded by Sue to approve the expense budget as submitted. Unanimous vote by 5 members present.

4. New Business:

a. Upcoming Events: Tina first brought up the COA Christmas Party to be held on Monday, December 11th. Bobby Marks has been hired to provide the food (family style chicken with fries, salad, pasta, and rolls) for a price of \$13.95 pp. (Approx. \$840 from budget). The guest number has been capped at 60 people. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Drinks will be soda, water and coffee. Desserts will be purchased from BJs. Joann is making a dessert.

Dora has already donated 3 gifts for the party, Pam will donate something, and Dunkin gift cards will also be given out. (Diane arrived at 1:07 p.m. and has now taken over the meeting). We have some round tablecloths, and the long tables will be covered in green and red. Santa this year will be John Kobetitsch. There was some discussion about Alan Whitemore being Santa but as he did not approach the COA to volunteer, John will take the role this year. As stated above, the party will be held Monday, December 11th at 12:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Other upcoming events include Kitchen Fire Safety on Monday, November 20th, Crafting with Joann on November 27th, ELVIS movie on November 30th, and A Christmas Carol at the Stadium Theater on December 10th. There is only 1 discounted ticket left for this event.

e. Other items not received within 48 hours prior to the meeting:

Tina showed a snippet of the BOS meeting on 11/6 (held after the special town meeting) at around minute 45. The discussion surrounded possible override and draft of a new survey going out to Town residents. It will ask questions on water, highway, high school, possible override, and regionalization. Andrew wanted an addition question added regarding the possible combination of the COA and Library Trustees into one board and utilizing one building to cut costs, stating that his facts show that the same group of people who utilize the senior center also utilize the library. Peter clarified if Andrew was talking about cutting facility costs as the COA is State Certified and the library must have Trustees. Jen agreed to add some sort of combination question to the survey.

After some discussion by the Council relative to receiving a State formula grant, a new senior van (already approved and allocated), the Beaulieu account funds, the building being utilized for disaster relief, Town elections, and other items, it was agreed that Pat would draft a letter to the BOS with our disapproval of this question (without appropriate facts) being added to the town-wide survey. Larry made the motion and Richard seconded it that a draft would be created, sent individually to each COA member for comment, and then approved by each prior to sending to the BOS. The vote was unanimous.

5. Old/pending Business:

a. SHINE Seminar: The seminar went well, there were approximately 12 attendees, and it was very helpful. Tina has the contact information for any who need additional assistance.

b. Christmas Carol Ticket update: Already discussed above.

c. Christmas Party Planning: Already discussed above. Diane will follow up. There will be an additional **planning meeting on Thursday, November 30th @ 9:00 a.m.** **Decorating for the party will be on Friday, December 8th @ 10:00 a.m.** Help would be appreciated.

d. New Carpeting Update: Tina has ordered the carpeting (blue/grey) and is waiting for a date for the installation. This is being paid by ARPA funds, already allocated and approved.

e. **Halloween Party:** Great time, good turnout (better than last year), no bills to speak of as food was donated, prizes donated as well. We will make this an annual event and look for even greater attendance next year at the 3rd Annual Halloween Party!

g. **Grant opportunity Updates:** The 3 grant applications that were discussed last month have all been submitted. We should have feedback on possible successes by mid-December. Cultural Council Grant applications have also been submitted.

Larry asked about the new van and was told that it could be received as early as January 2024 or as late as June.

6. Member Forum:

Larry questioned group prices to go to Southwick for Winter Wonderland this year. Diane gave an update on the Zoo's success with the Pumpkin Journey and did not know if there would be a Winter Wonderland. She will check. She also mentioned that UniBank gives grants for things like this. We had over 50 people attend when we last offered discounted tickets to the event.

Richard mentioned that we could do a trip to LaSalette, and it is free entry except for transportation. Fatima in Holliston was also suggested. It was noted that Mr. Bill used to provide a bus free of charge. We could check.

Tina received a call from New Hope Baptist Church asking if we knew of individuals in need of a Thanksgiving dinner/basket. Also, they mentioned that they are having a Pie Social on November 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

Mary Ryan fell and hurt her hip. Tina will follow up with her husband to see how she is doing.

Richard turned in the Senior Club's list of dates needed for next year's meetings. They are as follows:

March 11	April 8	May 13	June 10
August 12	Sept. 9	Oct. 21 and	Nov. 18

Dates were discussed and approved by the COA. Unanimous vote, dependent upon State election dates next year.

7. Public Forum:

Nothing new.

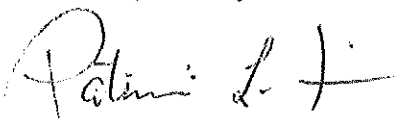
8. Next meeting Date:

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

9. Adjournment:

Richard made a motion and Larry seconded it that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous vote by all COA members, and meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Finn, Secretary, COA.



Minutes Accepted on: December 21, 2023

Copies provided at meeting:

1. Agenda for November 16, 2023 meeting.
2. Minutes from October 19, 2023 COA meeting
3. October/November expenses

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