

Diane
@ Town Hall

Town of Millville Council on Aging

Public Meeting Notice

Millville Senior Center, 40 Prospect St., Millville, MA 01529

Wednesday July 8, 2020 5:30 pm

Minutes CoA

1. Chairman Pam Dean Kobetitsch opens meeting at 5:32
Chairman leads members in Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Members in attendance, Chairman Pam Dean Kobetitsch, Vice Chair Lori Legere on the phone for this meeting, Diane Lamoureux Secretary, Paul Moore Member, Tina Cook Outreach Coordinator, Gerald Finn Guest, Sue Robbins absent. 4 members makes a quorum.
3. Accept minutes from June 10, 2020 meeting. Motion to accept by Lori Legere
Second by: Paul Moore 4 Ayes Nays Passed
4. Update from the Chairman Pam: Passing of Lois Laflamme. Members had a moment of silence for Lois.
Arrangements: Funeral Mass Friday at St. Augustine's 11:00 am. Thursday Wake 5-7 DiPardos Diamond Hill Rd. Woonsocket on right. Decision: Mass, or flowers: Millville Seniors will have a mass said, and the Council on Aging members will chip in to purchase the flowers!
 - a) Friends of Millville Seniors, Pres. Paul Ouellette and Vice Pres. Joe Rapoza had to resign from this group. John Kobetitsch Treasurer remained on as a member and has talked with Atty. Chris Ryan from Blackstone about Atty. Ryan completing the form for the Charitable Document 501 c3 but he needs a CPA on board to complete the financial part of this document to help the Friends of Seniors raise money as needed for the Millville Seniors and the Senior Center.
 - b) John asked Finance Committee member Aubrey Bouno if she would be able to assist or recommend someone who can complete the paperwork needed for this Document. John is waiting for information from Atty. Ryan to pass on the Mrs. Bouno to determine what (or who) is needed to finish the paperwork. Vice Chair Lori Legere mentioned that a Miss Christine Alward voiced an interest in helping with this program and it was agreed that the CoA cannot request help with this group but send a letter of intent to be passed on to the correct department.
 - c) Diane asked Marge Keegan Treasurer of the Seniors Club, if they would consider funding the CPA possibly at \$500. Marge asked Diane to ask president Marcel Laplume and Vice Pres. Leo Gauthier and Diane L. Secretary for their opinions on this question.
The consensus is yes, they will help fund this cost, but would rather do the \$300 and have help with any other cost.
 - d) Diane reported on the status of Artist Darrell Crow who leads the Millville Seniors Paint Classes when available. Since Darrell needed surgery to remove his left foot, but then more surgery to remove his leg to below the knee...he is looking at the minimum, 5 months of rehab and guidance in dealing with his life as it is now and to get strong and well. He promises, God Willing, to be back in the fall for more classes (in a wheelchair).

5. Vice-Chair Lori Legere Update. Status of Covid 19, to date: openings for seniors or interests in crafting, dancing, exercises, card playing should be on hold for a while longer. Lori said the status is still bad and obviously wearing masks is the look of the future as well as social distancing, even as long as March of April of 2021! Seriously.
6. Coordinator Report – Tina Cook
 - a) Tina Cook reported the Sheriff's department cancelled their annual BBQ because of the Covid 19. May request help from the Sheriff's Dept. for a crew to help at the Senior Center work on the grounds (spraying/clean up) of poison ivy and inside the center, also power wash siding? The crew should wear masks.
 - b) Sheriffs Dept. shared 15 bags of goodies for our seniors with tissues, file of life card, pen, and bottle of hand sanitizer.
 - c) Gps: Received Mass DOT Grant, sent estimate for \$355 for a GPS for the Van at Walmart. Tina purchased with a Town credit card (with permission) for the \$393, and the Council on Aging will pay the difference of \$38.
 - d) Absolute Glass donated shields from for van and installed them free of charge!
 - e) Neil from Millville Gas donated and installed shields for the front desk in the Senior Center for extra security and protection from Covid.
 - f) Tina Cook mentioned on the Millville Senior Website that we have two openings on the board for the Council on Aging, and to send letter of interest to join as soon as possible.
 - g) Tina met with town accountant who helped straighten out line items and went over the budget and now has a much clearer picture of where the COA budget stands.
 - h) Tina also spoke with Town Administrator Peter Caruso to please come and inspect the Senior Center, along with the Board of Health to confirm the status of how Senior Center are as set up in preparation of safety for our Seniors. Mr. Caruso did not see it but when Tina explained receiving mask from Rep. Soter, and having disinfectant, used daily, and table arranged in a huge square with ten chairs distanced 10 feet apart...Mr. Caruso gave the thumbs up on having our COA meetings at the Center from now on,...and eventually opening it up to having activities return, (once the BOH inspects).
 - i) Mr. Caruso mentioned a Grant the town received to share amongst needy departments with items needed to prepare for Covid 19 needs. Tina already submitted a list but was advised to add to it as soon as possible. A steam fogger for the floors, and for cleaning the van (advised by Tina) were excellent items needed and 100 shield masks for those entering (which can be disinfected after use, safely). This list will be done immediately.
 - j) Tina suggested the exercise class could be held outdoors...will contact instructor.
 - k) We all looked at the news article that Tina created on the web page which was awesome. But she said, postage to mail these out to all seniors would be very costly, and it was suggested once printed maybe we could place some at Georges store, the Library, of course at the Senior Center...and save postage for those who do not make it to the center to be mailed out.
7. Cultural Council Updates: Diane Lamoureux has scheduled the Ceramic Tile Painting for Monday, July 13, 2020 at Artful Dodger Studios, 63 Main St. Blackstone, being presented by Diane Mayer: Appx. 10-15 students. Diane will present bill to Tina Cook to submit to the Beulieu Account for payment. Once paid will have copy of check to submit to the Cultural Council for reimbursement of the Activities Grant Diane Lamoureux is awarded. Once okayed the Cultural Council will receive a check for reimbursement.

8. Open Discussion: Questions of the status of the Work Off program for seniors over 60 to apply to work for the town in applicable departments at the fee of \$12.75 per hour...to be applied to their Millville Tax Bill! This is to be put on the warrant in September, and hopefully put near the top of the list to be voted by the towns people. We need 100 signatures to place this on the warrant. This is a great savings to the town as most jobs done in the town, if hired, usually cost the town \$35 per hour with a savings per hour of work done at 50%. This person must be a Millville resident and over 60 years of age. This helps both the needy Senior and the Town of Millville. This program has been in the works in all area towns, we seem to be the only ones not doing this...and Peter Caruso agreed with this before our last town meeting, but it wasn't put on the warrant because of the lack of time.
9. Lori Legere mentioned the end of the Senior Center building to the left is disintergrating! There are holes along that end in the ground at the bottom of the wall. This should be fixed and sprayed to keep animals away...we need to look into this as soon as possible.
10. Future meeting date: August 12, 2020, 5:30 pm at the Millville Senior Center.
11. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by: Paul Moore Second by: Diane Lamoureux 4 Ayes Nays
Time: 7:30 Pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Diane Lamoureux, Secretary July 9, 2020

Motion to Accept by: P
Ayes Nays Passed.

Second by: 


Pamela D. Hyltsch



Diane Lamoureux

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