



Town of Middlefield Council on Aging

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June 18, 2014
1:30 P.M. at the Senior Center

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Chairman Howard Knickerbocker, Judy Artioli, Judy Hoag, Laurie Lafreniere, Marge Pierre, Priscilla Suriner and Ed Vivier.

Regrets: Kim Baker, Tom Ryan, Judi White

Present: Marge Batorski and Pat Jones

Chairman Howard Knickerbocker opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes:

The minutes of May 21 were reviewed. Howard made a motion to accept the minutes of May 21, 2014 as amended. Priscilla Suriner seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

COA Appointments FY 2015:

Howard submitted a list of appointments for 2015:

One Year

Howard Knickerbocker

Marge Pierre

Priscilla Suriner

Two Year

Kim Baker

Marge Batorski

Ed Vivier

Three Year

Judy Artioli

Judy Hoag

Laurie LaFreniere

Marge Pierre informed the Board that she is withdrawing her name from the list of Appointees. Marge stated that she has not been as effective as she wanted to be, and would like to direct her energy in different ways.

Judi White has declined because of medical problems.

Judy Hoag changed her term to One year.

Consortium:

Discussion: Howard views the Consortium and the COA Board as separate entities and further stated that the Executive Committee comprising of all the Chairs of each participating town runs the Consortium.

Marge Pierre questioned George Reichert's dismissal. Howard stated that the Consortium felt that because George's contract was up this year, that it was time to redirect that money and time into specific jobs. The Mass Council on Aging sat through the vote and doesn't have any problems with the decision. Howard stated that he could not come to the Board meeting and inform them about what was going to happen before it happened.

The Current plans are to advertise for an Assistant Clerk to handle the paperwork almost immediately. The second hire would be a Professional Outreach person to work with member towns in the fall.

At the current time the go-to person in place of George would be the Chairman of the COA Board.

Budget:

Several members will get together Monday evening to discuss purchasing of needed expenditures at the Senior Center before the end of FY2014. Receipts have to be dated before June 30.

Announcement:

Richard Clark will be performing Mark Twain at 7:00 P.M. at the Russell Senior Center.

Next Meeting:

July 9, 2014 at 1:30 P.M. Howard made a motion to have the COA Board meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Laurie LaFreniere seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Adjournment:

Howard Knickerbocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 P.M. Marge Pierre seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary