



Town of Middlefield Council on Aging

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COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

March 4, 2015

1:30 P.M. at the Town Hall

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Chairman Howard Knickerbocker, Kim Baker, Marge Batorski, Priscilla Suriner, Judy Artioli, Laurie Lafreniere. **Regrets:** Ed Vivier and Judy Hoag. **Guests:** Cathy Roth, Sherri Venditti, Pat Jones, and Marge Pierre. Chairman Howard Knickerbocker opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes: Feb 4th minutes were reviewed. Kim Baker made a motion to accept the minutes of February 4, 2015. Marge Batorski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Budget Request: The total amount of the proposed budget proposal is \$1,500. Because of FY2014 expenditures, it was recommended to request the same amount as last year. Howard made a motion to accept the budget proposal. Kim seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed. The Budget proposal will be submitted to the Finance Committee to be placed on the Town Budget warrant.

Green Community Grant: The grant is not available to Middlefield this year. Because of a change in management at HRMC, the paperwork was not completed.

COA Building Status: The Electrician finished his work in order to enable the Insulators to finish their work at the Senior Center, which was accomplished. The Roof contract is completed. The Middlefield Maintenance crew will begin repairing water pipes after the spring thaw. Highway Supervisor Skip Savery feels that the problem was caused by equipment used for the roof contract. Kim advised checking with the company's insurance policy. The PVPC contract administrator has been informed.

COA Direction Discussion: Howard kicked off this discussion at Selectboard meeting. Howard has fulfilled his duties as the Chairman. He will stay till the end of his term but encouraged others to volunteer. The FRTA program was discussed and proved valuable. Judy Artioli was noted for her contributions in handling the ride program. The luncheon program was noted as a form of outreach in Middlefield.

Consortium: One of the Consortium's duties is record keeping for the member towns. There is a three year commitment by the state to encourage the continuation of the Consortium. A clerk was hired and a search is on for an outreach worker. The role of the Consortium has yet to be determined.

Chairman: Anyone interested in becoming Chairman needs to be appointed as a member of the Board. Duties of the Chairman were discussed.

Next Meeting is April 1, 2015 @ 1:30 P.M.

Correspondence: Russell Newsletter

Adjournment: Howard made a motion to adjourn at 2:35 P.M. Kim Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary