



**Town of Middlefield
Council on Aging**
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COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
April 1, 2015

1:30 PM at the Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Regrets: Kim Baker and Ed Vivier.

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

Minutes: March 4th minutes were reviewed. Howard made a motion to accept the minutes of March 4, 2015. Priscilla Suriner seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Consortium: The Consortium is in the process of hiring an Outreach worker. Volunteers will be needed to help him or her. A contract will be signed between each town and the Consortium and presented to the Selectboard for signage.

The Consortium is operating on a \$40,000.00 grant from the state this year. Elder Services has committed \$50,000.00 for two years. Each town contributed \$500.00 this year.

Transportation:

All the drivers have been CORI approved. Susan Donnelly Baker told Judy that she was approved.

Howard will double check her status. Judy Artioli will ask for paperwork.

The seniors are entitled to rides once a month for groceries and open for medical as long as drivers are available. More drivers are needed.

Chairman: Judy Hoag has volunteered to take over as Chairman. Howard will stay on to show Judy the ropes. Marge made a motion to let Judy be Head of the Council on Aging for the Town of Middlefield in Hampshire County. Judy Artioli seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed. Laurie Lafreniere made a motion that Howard stays on as representative to the Consortium of the Middlefield COA. Priscilla seconded. All were in favor. 0 opposed. Howard abstained.

Medical Alerts: A proposal was made to finance medical alert devices for a group of five seniors. The seniors would be responsible to pay the monthly fees. The town would not support this for individuals. The Cultural Council is mainly for the arts.

Luncheon Coordinator: Suzanne requested an increase in hours that would increase the salary from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00. The COA receives a \$4,000.00 grant from the state and \$1,500.00 from the town. There was a discussion on how this money is spent and how the increase could be funded. Howard made a motion that COA recommends upping Suzanne's salary to \$3,000.00 a year. Marge seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Wired West: Discussion concerning wired west's impact on town finances.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is May 6, 2015 @ 1:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Judy made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 P.M. Laurie seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux