



**Town of Middlefield
Council on Aging**
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COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
July 8, 2015

1:30 PM at the Senior Center

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Chair Judy Hoag, Marge Batorski, Judy Artioli, Howard Knickerbocker, Laurie Lafreniere, Priscilla Suriner, Ed Vivier and Kim Baker.

Guests: Consortium Outreach Coordinator Phil Burns, Marge Pierre, Linda Prudhomme and Caral Merrill.

Chair Judy Hoag opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes: June 3 minutes were reviewed. Howard Knickerbocker made a motion to accept the minutes of June 3. Marge Batorski seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Appointments: The Selectboard appointed Priscilla Suriner, Judy Hoag and Howard Knickerbocker for three years to the COA.

FRTA: When the annual contract with Franklin Regional Transit comes in, both copies will go to the Selectboard. Judy Artioli reported on paperwork received by FRTA stating rules A to I. Judy was told by the administrator that the only thing not required is a copy of the medical examiner's report. Every driver must undergo a drug and alcohol test. Howard made a motion to immediately terminate Middlefield's connection with the FRTA. The transportation coordinator is expected to inspect the driver's vehicle upon pick up and return. Discussion ensued on alternative transportation. Howard will submit the new rules to the Selectboard and Town Counsel for clarification. The contract expired June 30. Any rides given now will be done privately. Howard made a motion to table this discussion. Laurie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Treasurer Kim Baker relinquished all of his files and agreed to serve out the rest of the month. The search for a new treasury is on.

Bathroom Committee: Howard received one quote to repair the bathroom for \$2,500. The drainage froze up during the winter so plans were delayed. The drainage was checked out this spring and a bend was found in the pipe which could have caused the pipe to freeze up. Howard stated that Dave Dinicola volunteered to fix the pipe. The Chair Judy Hoag, Suzanne and Howard volunteered to be on the committee. Howard will scan the bid and email it to the other members.

Consortium: Howard reported that Huntington has rejoined the Consortium. Huntington has stopped serving daily lunches. Next meeting for the Consortium will be on Friday at 10:30 A.M.

Outreach Coordinator. Phil Burns is a full time Outreach Coordinator through the Consortium and the Health Center. Phil is working on getting a list of high priority individuals, finding out their needs and referring those services. Discussion ensued on how to accomplish this. Phil will become a SHINE counselor, and a certified Community Health Worker.

The Chair made the motion to adjourn at 2:45 P.M. Marge seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is August 5, 2015 @ 1:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Howard made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 P.M. Judy seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux

