



**Town of Middlefield
Council on Aging**
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COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
September 9, 2015

1:30 PM at the Senior Center

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Chair Judy Hoag, Marge Batorski, Judy Artioli, Laurie Lafreniere, and Priscilla Suriner

Regrets: Ed Vivier

Resignation: Howard Knickerbocker resigned from the COA on August 25.

Administrative Staff: Outreach Coordinator Phil Burns

Guests: Marge Pierre, Ellen Miller and Pat Jones.

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

Minutes: August 5 minutes were reviewed. Laurie Lafreniere made a motion to accept the minutes of August 5. Judy Artioli seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Expenses: Mileage for Brown Bag and Lunches approx. \$40 and Movie attendance approx. \$57.

Transportation Guidelines I: Formula Grant Application requires total amount of rides, miles, hours, driver's costs, and fares. Judy Artioli's list will also include CORI checks plus a copy of driver's license and insurance. Town Administrator Duane Pease will be contacted about CORI checks. Laurie and Judy A. submitted a draft announcing the availability of rides. It was agreed to charge \$10.00 for a round trip. The draft was reviewed and edited.

Future Events: Deborah Ellsworth is offering painting classes which accommodates thirty people. She supplies all the materials for a two hour class. Information about Cultural Council Grants was requested. Applications are due October 15 and granted in January. Suzanne will forward contact information.

Transportation Guidelines II: Marge Batorski made a motion to accept the transportation guidelines as edited. Laurie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Senior Center Winter Closing: The Chair researched the actual cost of the building's use of propane. In 2014-2015, \$3,400 was expended. 2013-2014 was over \$6,000. Projected cost for 2015-2016 is \$2,400. Locked-in price is .83 less per gallon. Energy savers and outside preventive maintenance were discussed. Marge Pierre comprised a list of pros and cons: Record keeping, food temperatures and kitchen sanitation were compromised because of lack of dishwasher and stove, and so forth were mentioned. Parking was good. Intergenerational uses such as the Dump Run Café and other events were mentioned. Senior Center Winter Closing is on the Selectboards' agenda September 28.

Outreach Coordinator: Phil Burns is undergoing training as a Health Access Navigator and will be training as a Community Health Worker for ten weeks on Tuesdays. Phil is creating a survey focusing on transportation, housing, emergency response and activities. Anyone with concerns about individuals is encouraged to contact Phil.

Current Events: A mini-golf outing is planned for September 11 at 10:00 A.M., and Magic Wings on September 24 at 9:30 A.M. The Dump Run Café is scheduled for August 27 and Middlefield Days for the first week-end in October.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is October 2, 2015 @ 1:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Judy A. made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 P.M. Laurie seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux

Recording Secretary

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