

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM December 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Bert called meeting to order at 9:09

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Secretary Helen Daly, Bill Brown, Lisette Walter, Bert Lannon, Becky Poynot, Brooks Corl

Secretary's Report

Motion to accept - made by Bert second Bill

Treasurer's Report

- Formula Grant should arrive shortly
- October and November financial report attached to meeting information

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- No Report

Outreach Report:

- First Annual Market Day was a big success – approximately 70 people attended – vendors were happy with the turnout. There was no charge to the vendors for the time and they were able to accept charge cards as well as cash.
- The first Monday movie will be shown on 12/16 at 10am and will have a Christmas theme.
- Trader Joe's has offered free flowers for a flower arranging class to be held 1/22/2020 from 1 to 2 pm. It will be a "bring your own vase" event and Patty will ask the Crafty Ladies to pick up the flowers.
- Lions contacted Becky to get names of home-bound seniors to bring lunches for those unable to attend the Annual Lions Club Luncheon to be held on 12/15.
- Home Made Cat Toys class will be offered on 1/13 at 10am to benefit the Purrfect Pet Cat Shelter and Becky is asking for ideas of other places that we could donate items?? Patty will ask the Friends to cover the cost of materials.
- Jan. 15th will be the National Strawberry Ice Cream Day event. Wear red and you will get a free lunch of hot dogs and ice cream. Otherwise the charge will be \$3.00 per person.

Director's Report:

- See Old and New Report

Chairman's Report: -

- Why do we not have "Handicapped Plates on our vehicles? Patty said it is because we are covered under Town insurance policy. She will tell Linda to ask riders to bring their Handicapped plaque if they need handicapped access.

Old Business

- Senior Prom discussion – Chris McCaffrey is working on this and will report at the next meeting.

New Business

- Patty has contacted AARP regarding a class for New Seniors signing up for Social Security. She hopes to present this 2X's per year. Will report when she hears back.
- She has also contacted Millis EMT's to do a class on Fire Safety – she will report when she hears back.

- Helen asked if she contacted Bill Newell regarding financial management advice. Patty feels that it would be risky to ask a Financial Advisor to offer this and feels we really need an Elder Law Attorney.
- Helen offered a contact in John Dugan Legal Services in Franklin. Helen will contact him and advise if he has an Elder Law Attorney on staff.
- Discussion regarding the Permanent Building Committee Meeting; A company was chosen – ABACUS- waiting to hear if they have been signed by the town to proceed with the Feasibility Study.
- It was noted that there will be no Government or State Aid and that it will have to be covered by 100% taxation. Three sites will be considered :
 1. Extending the Town Hall
 2. Remaking the Train Station
 3. New facility to be placed on Cassidy Field property – felt to be the most economical choice.
- Point was made by Helen that we need to get ALL citizens involved with this process. We as a committee should try to visit other Senior Centers in our area and report back our findings
- A negative issue is that as of now our Center is open only 28.5 hours per week.
- It was proposed that the back page of our monthly newsletter be dedicated to reporting on the process to keep all up to date on meetings.
- Patty will ask Madeline if Cable can record and broadcast each meeting.
- Chris has requested cabinet space in RM21 – it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

**Next COA Board Meeting: January 10, 2020
9:00 AM– VMB Room 19**