

Holland Council on Aging

Holland Community/Senior Center
40 Brimfield Road
Holland, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meeting - March 21, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:15 by Chris Haller, *Chairperson*.

Board members in attendance: Chris Haller, *Chairperson*; Tina Rootes-Hunter, *Vice Chairperson*; Linda Racine, *Secretary*; Sue Sanders, *Treasurer*; Cindi Harris, *Member*; Jack Reed, *Member*; John Senseman, *Member*.

Other: Paula Bak, *Community Center Coordinator*

Absent: Fran Gallo, *Alternate Member*; Deb Tierney, *Outreach Worker*.

Secretary's Report

February meeting minutes were discussed and amended to change to Senior Tax Work-Off maximum amount on the warrant to \$1200.00 as voted on in the January meeting.

Motion by Jack Reed to approve the meeting minutes as amended.

Second by Sue Sanders.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Discussion of account transfers. Remaining amount of \$807.04 in the Senior Gift Account will be transferred to the COA Gift Account resulting in a zero balance for the Senior Gift Account.

Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Outreach Report

The Outreach Report was not available.

Coordinator's Report

Request by Paula Bak for \$200.00 to have a presentation on hoarding called Buried in Treasures, by Lee Shuer, a former hoarder and his wife.

Motion by Tina Rootes-Hunter for \$200.00 for Buried in Treasures.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Request by Paula Bak to purchase a tablet to use for watching trail videos while on the exercise bike at the Center. It will also be used for other purposes.

Motion by Tina Rootes-Hunter for up to \$400.00 to purchase a tablet and insurance.

Second by John Senseman.

Motion passed.

Motion amended for up to \$450.00 for the tablet and insurance for it.

Motion by Tina Rootes-Hunter for up to \$450.00 to purchase a tablet and insurance.

Second by Jack Reed.

Motion passed.

Request from Paula Bak for \$1500.00 to purchase an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for the Center. There is a possibility of obtaining a grant for this purchase. Paula will research.

Request for a presentation on Northern Canada Studies, including Aurora Borealis , Polar Bears, and the Tundra.

Motion by Tina Rootes-Hunter for up to \$50.00 for the presentation.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Old Business

Senior Van. We did not have enough information to prepare a warrant for this year. We could possibly get a rider on the Senior Housing grant. If the van can be a green vehicle (hybrid or electric) there is a possibility of a grant. The National Safety Council has courses to train drivers on safe wheelchair loading.

The Senior Housing Committee is working with Chris Dumphy of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Chris has submitted a proposal for a grant to conduct the Senior Housing Study.

The Senior Survey results have been tabulated. There were 175 responses out of 560 surveys sent out. Next step is to compile a confidential list of residents in need of services and what they might need in case of emergency.

Newsletter - advertising payments have not been received from three of the advertisers.

A warrant was submitted to the town to increase the Senior Tax Work Off maximum payment amount to \$1200.00 a year.

Liability waivers for exercise classes will be developed. Paula will ask the YMCA for assistance in the wording of the waivers.

Emergency closings will be posted on Channel 3, Channel 40, and Fox. The closing policy and posting information will be added to the Newsletter.

New Business

The Holland Elementary School principal would like seniors to be pen pals with the Fourth Grade students. Paula will ask the seniors to volunteer.

Request to change the COA June meeting date to Tuesday, June 6, 2017, due to the annual town election.

Motion to by Chris Haller to change the meeting date in June to June 6, 2017.

Second by Linda Racine.

Motion passed.

The MCOA membership meeting is scheduled on April 6, 2017. The cost is \$20.00 to attend.
Request for up to \$100.00 for members to attend.

Motion by Tina Rootes-Hunter for up to \$100.00 for members to attend.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed

Motion to adjourn Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by Jack Reed.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am by Chris Haller, *Chairperson*.

Next COA Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 10:15 am.