

Holland Council on Aging Meeting

Holland Town Hall
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meeting - July 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:17 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*; John Senseman, *Member*; Fran Gallo, *Alternate Member*

Absent:

Other: Brenda Palmer, *Interim Community Center Coordinator*; Deb Tierney, *Outreach Worker*.

Secretary's Report

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes by Cindi Harris.

Second by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Sue Sanders.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Outreach Report

Outreach report filed.

Coordinator's Report

Brenda is learning her new position. The coordinator's report will be forthcoming.

Old Business

The AED - Automated External Defibrillator has a retail price of \$1895.00. There is a grant available to offset some of the cost. Motion to approve up to \$1600.00 to purchase the AED.

Motion by Chris Haller.

Second by Fran Gallo.

Motion passed.

There has been no activity on Senior Housing . They are waiting for the report from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. The COA would like to broaden the scope of the committee to include Senior Housing issues with an emphasis on keeping seniors in their own homes. Chris Haller will speak for the COA at the next selectman's meeting on July 18.

Newsletter Ads - there are still ads with outstanding balances.

The Outreach Worker Search Committee has been formed with Pat Swain, Cindi Harris and Deb Tierney as members. The committee will hold a preliminary meeting to create a job description and job posting. They will make recommendations for candidates to interview. Four applications have already been received.

Chris Haller and Cindi Harris attended Formula Grant training. The Formula Grant application needs to be completed.

The Transportation Subcommittee needs to schedule their next meeting.

New Business

Election of Officers

Chris Haller was nominated for Chairperson.

Motion to elect Fran Gallo.

Second by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Motion passed.

Linda Racine was nominated for Secretary.

Motion to elect Chris Haller.

Second by Fran Gallo.

Motion passed.

Sue Sanders was nominated for Treasurer.

Motion to elect Fran Gallo.

Second by Chris Haller.

Motion passed.

Tina Rootes-Hunter was nominated for Vice Chairperson.

Motion to elect Chris Haller.

Second by Fran Gallo.

Motion passed.

COA members that were recently reappointed need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk. A new member is needed on the board for Jack Reed's position.

The COA will schedule one of the monthly meetings during the evening and will invite members of the Select Board to attend.

The Friends of Holland Seniors need new members. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am. A notice will be in the newsletter.

The Zucchini Festival will be held on August 20 from 12 to 4. The Zucchini Cookoff will be held again this year. The Friends of Holland Seniors are donating a Bounce House, Snow Cone Machine and Cotton Candy machine. The Red Cross will bring the Bloodmobile if we get 30 appointments scheduled. A boy scout will sell hot dogs, chips and drinks as a fundraiser for his project to beautify the Center. Other attractions are craft tables, non-profit organizations, antique cars and motorcycles, and a Chinese auction.

Director Requests

Brenda would like to reinstate the senior aide position that has available grants to fund it.

Brenda would like to change the format of the newsletter to include a section on Community Center events.

Request for up to \$100.00 for button making supplies.

Motion by Fran Gallo.

Second by John Senseman.

Motion passed.

Request for up to \$50.00 for first aid supplies.

Motion by Linda Racine.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Request for \$250.00 for Dave Neill of Premier Entertainment for a night event in October. A suggested donation of \$2.00 will be requested. Volunteers will be available to drive seniors who need a ride.

Motion by Linda Racine.

Second by John Senseman.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn Linda Racine.

Second by Sue Sanders.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 am by Chris Haller, *Chairperson*.

Next COA Meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 10:15 am at the **Holland Town Hall**.