

Holland Council on Aging Meeting

Holland Community Center
40 Brimfield Road
Holland, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meeting – October 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:18 by Chris Haller, *Chairperson*.

Board members in attendance: Christine Haller, *Chairperson*; Linda Racine, *Secretary*; Cindi Harris, *Member*; John Senseman, *Member*.

Absent: Tina Rootes-Hunter, *Vice Chairperson*; Allan Percy, *Member*.

Other: Jennifer Mott, *Outreach Coordinator*; Brenda Palmer, *Center Director*.

Secretary's Report

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

Second by John Senseman.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by Cindi Harris.

Second by John Senseman.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Filed.

Outreach Report

Motion to approve \$45.00 to be taken from the Formula Grant for Jennifer Mott to attend the GSSSI Annual Meeting Luncheon by Linda Racine.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Stop Abuse programs for education and training are being planned.

Outreach report filed.

Director/Coordinator's Report

Posters requesting donations for lunches, rides, etc. were reviewed.

Proposal to have the lunches cooked on site by the kitchen manager, Brock Jenkins. Brock will work the extra hours required to prepare the meals in return for the use of the kitchen for his business. Legal advice says it is not a conflict of interest. Waiting for approval from the Select Board. Meals will be \$3.00 per meal for seniors to eat in, \$5.00 per meal for take out or non-seniors.

Motion to approve \$1056.30, the balance of the Senior Center Gift Account, as seed money for the in house food service program by Chris Haller.

Second by Linda Racine.

Motion passed.

Director's Report Filed.

Old Business

Senior Housing

An open meeting will be held on October 17 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall to discuss the purchase of the Sichel property. The Finance Committee, Open Space Committee, Select Board, and Trails Committee will attend. The town did not receive the Federal Land Grant for the property.

SAFE Grant

Brenda Palmer signed the paperwork for the grant that was on hold.

Formula Grant

The amount of the grant is unknown. It could be \$5000.00, \$5500.00 or \$6000.00.

Transportation

A request has been made to SCM Elderbus to change the weekly shopping trip from Monday to Friday. Discount tickets will be offered for \$12.50 worth of rides for \$10.00.

Motion to approve \$100.00 to purchase discounted Elderbus tickets by Chris Haller.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Volunteer drivers need to go to Town Hall and present their driver's license, proof of car insurance and have a CORI background check to receive reimbursement for mileage.

Brenda will send out a message with My Senior Center to remind people to vote and to offer rides to vote on Tuesday, November 6. Jennifer Mott will take the requests and notify volunteer drivers of rides needed.

New Business

Center Director's Requests

Motion to approve \$20.00 plus shipping from the COA Gift Account for card holders for

Canasta by Linda Racine.

Second by John Senseman.

Motion passed.

Memory Café

To provide support for memory impaired seniors and their families we would like to start a memory café. Pictures from Holland's history and music from the past will help memory impaired seniors to socialize with others. Public service announcement videos are available. MCOA has grants available to assist in setting up a memory café.

Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse was discussed in connection with the 5K Stop Abuse race. Jennifer Mott will provide information on upcoming programs.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Cindi Harris.

Second by Linda Racine.

Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned by Chris Haller, Chairperson, at 11:40 am.

Next COA meeting Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 10:15 am at Holland Community Center.