

Holland Council on Aging Meeting

Holland Community Center
40 Brimfield Road
Holland, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meeting – August 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:20 by Chris Haller, *Chairperson*.

Board members in attendance: Christine Haller, *Chairperson*; Tina Rootes-Hunter, *Vice Chairperson*; Linda Racine, *Secretary*; Cindi Harris, *Member*; John Senseman, *Member*; Allan Percy, *Member*.

Absent: Kelli Robbins, *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 Allan Percy.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Correspondence Received

Kelli Robbins sent a letter of resignation from the Council on Aging effective immediately due to the demands of her new position with the Town of Lanesborough.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve up to \$100.00 for toner and supplies for the Treasurer by Linda Racine.

Second by Allan Percy.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Filed.

Outreach Report

Motion to approve \$200.00 for office supplies for Outreach Office by Linda Racine.

Second by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Motion passed.

Request for \$500.00 for tires for a senior in need. The Council was not sure if it was possible to fund needs of individuals. Jennifer Mott will check with Emmett to see if it would be allowed. COA members offered personal donations.

GSSSI awarded a \$500.00 home improvement grant to a senior couple in Holland.

A new program of monthly Coffee Socials by neighborhood is being started to help seniors get to know their neighbors. The first social will be held on Tuesday, August 28 at 10 am at the Center. Next month the Coffee Social will be on September 24 at 1 pm.

Outreach report filed.

Director/Coordinator's Report

Deb will present a training session on My Active Center at 1 pm on September 10 to teach seniors how to sign up for activities from home.

A new kitchen manager, Brock Jenkins, started Monday, August 13. He is an experienced personal chef.

Old Business

Senior Housing

Todd Smola obtained \$50,000 toward the purchase of the land for senior housing. (He is hoping to obtain \$1,000,000 for the building.) Ann Gobi is hoping to obtain a bond for \$1,000,000 for the building. Bettina Schmidt obtained a PVPC Tri Community grant for \$62,000 for planning. Jen Ohop was instrumental in an application for a (Forestry Grant) Land grant for 60% of the cost of the non-commercial portion of the property and another application for a forestry grant.

Senior Transportation

An article will be placed in the newsletter again asking for volunteer drivers to give rides to seniors. Drivers can be reimbursed for mileage if they have their driver's license and car insurance on file at the Town Hall.

SAFE Grant

No update.

New Business

Center Director's Requests

Motion to approve \$150.00 for a Bemis Nursery project for October by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by John Senseman.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve \$150.00 for singer Tammy Casavant in September by Cindi Harris.

Second by Linda Racine.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve up to \$50.00 in additional funds to subsidize \$10.00 a ticket for the Webster Lake cruise by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by Allan Percy.

Motion passed.

Brenda needs a method to pay for things in advance, i.e. the Webster Lake cruise.

Site Based Food Preparation

GSSSI rules and nutrition are problematic. Since we have a great kitchen Brenda would like to prepare the food onsite. The program could also include take out orders. The kitchen manager hours would need to be increased in order to accomplish this goal.

MCOA Fall Conference

The conference will be held October 24 – 26 in Falmouth, MA. COA can pay for registration, but not lodging or mileage. This item has been tabled to the next meeting to allow those interested to review the schedule and decide which days they would like to attend.

Motion to approve \$190,00 for MCOA dues by Linda Racine.

Second by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chris Haller.

Second by Allan Percy.

Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned by Chris Haller, Chairperson, at 11:20 am.

Next COA meeting Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 10:15 am at Holland Town Hall.