

## Holland Council on Aging Meeting

Holland Community Center  
40 Brimfield Road  
Holland, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meeting – April 10, 2018

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

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

Absent: Tina Rootes-Hunter, *Vice Chairperson*; Kelli Robbins, *Member*; Fran Gallo, *Alternate Member*.

Other: Allan Percy, *Outreach Worker*; Brenda Palmer, *Center Director*.

### Secretary's Report

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

**Second** by Sue Sanders.

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting** by Cindi Harris.

**Second** by Sue Sanders.

**Motion passed.**

### Treasurer's Report

***Treasurer's Report Filed.***

### Outreach Report

***Outreach report filed.***

### Director/Coordinator's Report

New surveillance cameras have been installed.

We have received a walking club grant of \$50.00 a month to have two walks each week.

***Director's Report Filed.***

### ***Old Business***

#### **Budget FY 19**

My Senior Center software will be written for inclusion in the Town Warrant for the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

### **Senior Housing**

A meeting was held at Norcross with Opacum Land Trust, Representative Todd Smola, Select Board Chair Bettina Schmidt to discuss the Sichel property. The town of Holland would need to purchase the commercial portion of the land for \$100,000 and Opacum Land Trust would fundraise to purchase the remainder of the property. Jen Ohop is applying for a land grant for the property. There is a possibility of a Tri Community grant in June to assist the town with the purchase.

### **Senior Transportation**

No new report.

### **SAFE Grant**

No report.

### **Survey**

Between 1100 – 1200 surveys were mailed and 280 were returned. A report of the survey results is attached. There was a great deal of support for senior housing.

### ***New Business***

#### **Center Director's Requests**

**Motion to approve up \$350.00 for perpetual name plates for memorial plaques for Center seniors who have passed away** by Chris Haller.

**Second** by Cindi Harris.

**Motion passed.**

The Roaring Twenties Tea Party will be held in June. The Friends of the Community Center are donating tents. A guest donation of \$2.00 per person will be suggested.

**Motion to approve \$300 for the cost of food for the party** by Cindi Harris.

**Second** by John Senseman.

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to approve \$50 for 10 table easels for the Center** by Linda Racine.

**Second** by Cindi Harris.

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to approve up to \$100.00 for a COA paver on the Center outdoor chess board** by Linda Racine.

**Second** by Cindi Harris.

**Motion passed.**

A discussion panel on Serving the Senior Spectrum (How to meet the needs of Seniors) will be held on April 12 at 6:30 pm at the Northampton Senior Center. Cindi Harris and Linda Racine will attend.

The Mass Mobility Transportation Conference will be held on April 11. Chris Haller will attend.

The MCOA Small and Rural Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at the Sturbridge Host. Brenda Palmer and Linda Racine will attend.

The MCOA Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17 at the Beechwood Hotel in Worcester.

**Motion to adjourn meeting** by Chris Haller.

**Second** by Cindi Harris.

**Motion passed.**

Meeting was adjourned by Chris Haller, Chairperson, at 11:45 am.

**Next COA meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 10:15 am at Holland Community Center.**