

Holland Council on Aging Meeting

Holland Community Center
40 Brimfield Road
Holland, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meeting – December 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:15 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:

Other: Jennifer Mott, *Outreach Coordinator*; Brenda Palmer, *Center Director*; Pam Sweny, *prospective member*; Karen Horton, *prospective member*.

Secretary's Report

Motion to waive the reading of the meeting minutes by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by Allan Percy.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Filed.

Outreach Report

Outreach Report Filed.

Director/Coordinator's Report

Brock will work with Wales to purchase food at discounts for the in house meals. Medicare placemats were obtained with a grant.

Director's Report Filed.

Old Business

Senior Housing

A meeting will be held in January to work on the Pioneer Valley Grant to obtain funds to do a survey of needs in town and search for sites for senior housing. The Selectboard, Finance, Open Space, and Outreach will attend.

On December 12 a meeting will be held with Open Space, Trails, and Selectboard to discuss the purchase of the Sichel property and separate the purchase from the Senior Housing proposal.

SAFE Grant

The Fire Department purchased another Notebook computer and calendars for \$534 with the grant money. Seniors still have not had smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed.

Motion to appoint Chris Haller as a COA Representative to discuss the SAFE Grant purchases with the Selectboard by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

COA Members

Karen Horton is interested in becoming a member of the COA board. She needs to attend one more meeting before she can be appointed.

Motion to approve Pam Sweny as a COA Member by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Pam will need to be appointed by the Selectboard and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Newsletter Ads

So far we have eight ads for the newsletter and two payments. There is space for 12 ads. The cost is \$125 per year.

Memory Café

There will be a Christmas Past event held on December 17 at 11 am. Participants will share memories, read stories, make ornaments and listen to Christmas music from the past. Memory Café events will be held every quarter.

Domestic Abuse

The Stop Abuse meeting will be held on Friday, December 14 at 9 am.

Budget FY20

The FY20 Budget proposal was reviewed.

Motion to approve FY20 Budget by Linda Racine.

Second by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Motion passed.

New Business

Center Director's Requests

Motion to approve up to \$100 from the COA Gift Account to purchase soup bowls for the in house meals from the Dollar Tree store by Linda Racine.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve \$60.00 from the town account for two large calendars for the Center by Linda Racine

Second by Allan Percy.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed.

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

Next COA meeting Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 10:15 am at Holland Community Center.