



TOWN OF VERNON

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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
135 Bolton Road
Vernon, Connecticut

JULY 27, 2021
10:00 AM

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Chairman Carole Slattery called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and called the roll : The following members were present: Janet DiTarando, Carole and Ed Slattery, Patty Noblet, Wes Shorts, Pat Iamonaco, Maryann Hopowiec, and Roxann Lannon as well as Bill Campbell, Town Council liaison and Senior Center Director Maureen Gabriele. Absent: Bill Tyler and Ron Kane.

PUBLIC FORUM - No one present

APPROVE MINUTES - A motion was made by Wes Shorts seconded by Patty Noblet to approve the amended minutes of May 25, 2021 and the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Wes Shorts and seconded by Janet DiTarando to approve the minutes of June 15, 2021 and the motion passed unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - a letter was read into the record in response to correspondence presented at the June 15, 2021 from Carole Slattery relative to the Kentucky Derby winner. No action was taken.

TREASURER'S REPORT - a report for July was presented to the Board by Treasurer Wes Shorts updating all accounts. The balance of all accounts as of July 1, 2021 and the balance was reported to be \$41,494.75. A motion was made by Janet DiTarando and seconded by Pat Iamonaco to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Wes also shared that the Boards funds have been reinvested in the CT STIF fund and the interest rate is presently .11%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - No report.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS - Maureen Gabriele, Director reported that from 3/2020 to 06/2021 approximately 150-170 new members have joined. Maureen distributed the updated budget numbers for the Center to all Board members. Bill Campbell and Wes Shorts questioned Maureen on the internet issues previously reported and are they resolved. Maureen shared that it seems to be fine now. They have learned to work around any issues.

Maureen presented a report of activities and the progress of the re-opening of the Center. She shared that some programs will be overlapping with Zoom and Facebook as we move slowly through the re-opening process. The newsletter is out electronically and is expected shortly in hard copy. The staff will continue to put newsletters outside for members to pick-up, a practice that started pre-pandemic. Recently we had Pickle Ball classes offered by Sgt. Chris Pryputniewicz of the Vernon's Police Department. It was so successful that another is planned in August. A National Senior Citizen's Day event is planned and an "End of the Summer Bash" is in the planning. All the details are in the newsletter. Picnic tables are on back order. Parks Director Sitler is staying in close contact with the vendor to keep everyone informed of their arrival.

Bus Driver position is posted and car driver interviews are scheduled in the weeks to come. Pat Iamonaco asked when the card groups would be able to resume play. Maureen shared that we are taking baby steps to make sure everyone is safe and any activity requiring exchange of materials will resume later in the process.

A question was asked if vaccination proof is required to come to the center. Maureen shared that masks are recommended for those coming to the center and we cannot ask about vaccination proof. More to come as we move through the process of reopening.

A question was asked if any progress has been made relative to the oven discussed at previous meetings. Maureen shared that the discussion was prior to COVID ramping up and is now on the back burner until we can work through some of the other issues surrounding the install, ie., the hood vent etc. More to come as things calm down and we are closer to normal.

Leah is doing her best to accommodate everyone that wants to participate in the Grab 'n Go Lunch program.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – No report.

OLD BUSINESS - Patty Noblet requested an update on the signs that were to be installed in Vernon Center indicating the location of the Senior Center at 135 Bolton Road. She does not believe they were ever installed. Maureen Gabriele, Director agreed to check it out and report back.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2021 10:00 AM here at the Center in person. Adjournment was moved by Pat Iamonaco and seconded by Wes Shorts at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wheelock