



# TOWN OF VERNON

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

**MARCH 22, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**

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The March 22, 2022 meeting of the Senior Citizen's Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Carole Slattery at 10:02 AM. The following members of the Board were present: Maryann Hopowiec, Wes Shorts, Patty Noblet, Janet DiTarando and Carole Slattery. Absent members: Roxann Lannan, Bill Tyler, Ron Kane and Pat Iamonaco. Also in attendance were Bill Campbell, Town Council Liaison, Maureen Gabriele, Senior Center Director and Ed Slattery.

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

Minutes for the February meeting were moved by West Shorts as presented and seconded by Janet DiTarando, the motion carried unanimously.

No Secretary's report was presented.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Wes Shorts, Treasurer: The beginning balance as of February 1, 2022 was \$41,516.39 and the bank balance was \$25.00, interest earned was \$3.87 bring the total balance on February 28, 2022 of \$41,545.26. Wes shared that the interest rates are increasing so the monthly interest paid will continue to rise. As of March 18, 2022 the rate was .32%. A motion was made by Janet DiTarando to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, the motion was carried unanimously.

Carole Slattery, Chairman requested that the Board go out of order and consider an Old Business item tabled until March 22, 2022 which was to reconsider the mask requirement at the Center. A discussion took place relative to the pros and cons of removing or retaining the requirement. At the conclusion of the discussion Wes Shorts seconded by Patty Noblet put forward the following motion: Effective immediately, masks are optional for those fully vaccinated and highly recommended for those unvaccinated.

The motion carried unanimously. Maureen Gabriele, Director shared that her staff would take immediate steps to design signs for this change and post it in the upcoming magazine and on all the door to the Center.

Maureen Gabriele continued with her monthly report for the Board. As of April 1<sup>st</sup> all three doors to the Center will be open for use and posted with the mask signs. Kentucky Derby will be held remotely again and in July we will return to in-door Grab and Go. Lots of activities are gearing up for summer and we are hoping that in May the Out to Lunch Bunch will continue.

Masks are still required in all Center vehicles during transportation including the medical car.

No Committee Reports were presented.

Carole Slattery, Chairman brought an item called "Locator 911" to the attention of the Board and asked that Maureen Gabriele take a look at the program and get more information.

The meeting adjourned by a motion from Patty Noblet and seconded by Wes Shorts at 10:50 AM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Diane Wheelock  
Recording Secretary