



TOWN OF VERNON

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

JULY 26, 2022

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Acting Chairman Wes Shorts welcomed the three new board members: Bob Audet, Pamela Faircloth and Ed Slattery. Acting Chairman Shorts explained to the Board the reason for the temporary chairmanship change. Past Chairman Carole Slattery was term limited off the Board in June and Vice Chairman Ron Kane is unable to attend today so it falls to him to conduct the business of the group.

Mr. Shorts began the meeting with the standard roll call with the following members in attendance: Patty Noblet, Wes Shorts, Janet DiTarando, Pamela Faircloth, Bob Audet and Edward Slattery. Maryann Hopowiec entered the meeting after the introductions. Also in attendance: Maureen Gabriele, Director Vernon Senior Center, Bill Campbell, Town Council Liaison and Recording Secretary Diane Wheelock. Absent from the meeting was: Ron Kane.

Public Forum – no one was present during public forum.

Nomination of Officers – Chairman, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer (to be acted upon August, 2022), were offered. Wes Shorts nominated Ed Slattery for Chairman with a second from Patty Noblet. Patty Noblet was nominated for Chairman by Janet DiTarando and Patty Noblet withdrew her name from consideration. Wes Shorts nominated

Patty Noblet for Vice Chairman, seconded by Janet DiTarando ; Ed Slattery nominated Wes Shorts for Treasurer seconded by Patty Noblet; West Shorts nominated Maryann Hopowiec for Secretary seconded by Ed Slattery and finally Wes Shorts nominated Patty Noblet for Assistant Treasurer seconded by Maryann Hopowiec. Before the nominations were moved forward the Recording Secretary framed a motion for the board to consider relative to the by-law that requires May to be the nominating month and June to be the month of the vote. The motion was to waive this by-law for one time to allow the nominations to be held in July and voted in August. The motion was moved by Wes Shorts and seconded by Patty Noblet. The motion carried without discussion. Nominations were then closed and the motion to move them forward to August for a vote was made by Ed Slattery and seconded by Bob Audet. The Board unanimously voted to send forward this slate of officers to the August meeting for a formal vote. (It should be noted that after each position received its first nominee Chairman Shorts asked the Board for additional nominees - none were offered, except as listed above for Vice-Chair which was withdrawn by the nominated candidate.)

Approval of Minutes: The June 28, 2022 were approved as presented with a motion from Patty Noblet and seconded by Janet DiTarando. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – No Report

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer's report was presented by Wes Shorts. The Beginning Balance in the STIF Account was \$41,573.53, Bank Balance of \$25.00 and Monthly Interest of \$40.73 for a total at the close of June 30, 2022 of \$41,639.26.

Committee Reports – None

Director's Report – The staff is beginning to use the outdoor pavilion for activities. We had a Patriotic Picnic on July 6, 2022 and 80 people attended. Another picnic is planned in August during the day. Today Chief John Kelley is in the pavilion meeting with members of the Center enjoying some refreshments.

We are planning other activities like Pizza on the Patio in August and everything will be in the August newsletter that is going to the printer today. We have had some very interesting programs in July "Journey of a Caregiver" was presented by a caregiver and poet. This program was well received and helpful to those in attendance. We are experiencing growing pains in the Fitness Center, our two regular assistants have moved on and Select Physical Therapy is hoping to find replacement soon. We are still looking for a replacement for Leah. So far only one applicant has been interviewed, however, she was looking for full time work and was not interested in part time. We will continue to look for candidates and work with Administration to try and convert Leah's position to full time. Presently the position pays \$17.00 per hour and cannot sustain a suitable candidate.

Wes Short asked questions about the Pickle Ball Courts and the possibility of getting another. Maureen agreed to look into the options with town staff.

Chairman's Report - None

Old Business – Patty Noblet and Janet DiTarando shared their work on the "Hiking Group". There will be a meeting on August 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Center to firm up the plans and share the program details.

New Business - None

Adjournment was moved at 10:45 AM unanimously and the next meeting will be August 30, 2022 at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Wheelock
Recording Secretary