



TOWN OF VERNON

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

AUGUST 30, 2022
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- **ROLL CALL:** The Interim Chairman Wes Shorts called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with the following members present: Patty Noblet, Wes Shorts, Janet DiTarando, Pamela Faircloth, Edward Slattery, and Bob Audet. Also in attendance were Town Council member Bill Campbell, Senior Advocate Carole Slattery, Center Director Maureen Gabriele and Recording Secretary Diane Wheelock. Entering at 10:05 AM: Maryann Hopowiec. Absent: Ron Kane.
- **PUBLIC FORUM:** No one attended from the public.
- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Slate of Officers for 2022-2023 presented: Ed Slattery, Chairman; Patty Noblet, Vice Chairman; Wes Shorts, Treasurer; Maryann Hopowiec, Secretary and Patty Noblet, Assistant Treasurer. The motion to approve the slate as presented in July and listed above was moved by Bob Audet and seconded by Edward Slattery was unanimously approved.
- **APPROVE MINUTES** – After review and amending the time of the August meeting on the last page from 11:00 AM to 10:00 AM the approval of the minutes as amended was moved by Patty Noblet and seconded by Bob Audet. The motion passed unanimously.
- **SECRETARY'S REPORT** – No report.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Wes Shorts presented the July report prepared by Jeff O'Neill, Town Finance Officer and Treasurer. The Senior Center Endowment had a beginning balance of \$41,614.26 as of July 1, 2022, in addition \$25.00 was the bank balance and the monthly interest was

\$56.76, bringing the total balance as of July 29, 2022 to \$41,696.02. It should be noted that the \$25.00 in the bank has been transferred to the STIF account the week of July 29, 2022 and the interest paid on all funds as of August 3, 2022 was 2.16%. A motion was made by Ed Slattery to approve the report as presented, seconded by Bob Audet and passed unanimously.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None
- **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS** - A report about the Walking Club was given by Janet DiTarando and Patty Noblet. So far 28 people have signed up to walk with the group on Tuesdays. The September newsletter was distributed during the meeting by Maureen Gabriele and the electronic version is also available. We are using the outdoor facilities every day and the pavilion is being used as much as possible for outdoor activities, weather permitting.

Select Physical Therapy continues to work to get us permanent staff. In the interim they are providing available staffing to the Center so they can keep the Fitness Center Open. They are hopeful to have permanent staff soon.

Leah's replacement is still being worked on with Administration. It will be difficult to replace her. We are hoping to make the position full time in the future.

Pickle Ball Court expansion requested at last months meeting. I have discussed the outdoor options with the Director of Public Works. It is an expensive project and will consume most of the remaining outdoor space. Another option we are looking at is an indoor Pickle Ball Court to be used when the weather changes. More information to come.

Water Fountains and Water Bottle Filler Use. This feature is now fully operational. Coffee will again be served beginning in September.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – The retiring Chairman had no report. The current Chairman wanted everyone to know that they are welcome and he is looking forward to working with everyone.
- **OLD BUSINESS** - None
- **NEW BUSINESS** - None
- **ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Ed Slattery to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Bob Audet. The motion carried unanimously at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wheelock, Recording Secretary