



TOWN OF VERNON

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

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- **ROLL CALL** – Members present at the meeting: Ed Slattery, Patty Noblet, Maryann Hopowiec, Sheila Dunn, Bob Audet, Pamela Faircloth, and Nancy Sirois. Also present Bill Campbell, Carole Slattery and Maureen Gabriele. Members absent: Wes Shorts and Janet DiTarando.
- **PUBLIC FORUM** - Member Sue Richter came to the meeting to share some suggestions for future programming. She suggested the return of once a month birthday parties, breakfast and bingo and a day trip to Yankee Candle. Maureen Gabriele shared that she would look into the suggestions, however, space availability and the growing numbers in the Center's membership may not allow for the return of the parties. She did say that she would love to consider a day trip to Yankee Candle.
- **APPROVE MINUTES** – the minutes of March 28, 2023 were reviewed by those present and a motion was made by Bob Audet and seconded by Maryann Hopowiec to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- **SECRETARY'S REPORT** - No report
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Patty Noblet, Vice Chairman reported on behalf of Treasurer Wes Shorts that the beginning balance of the Senior Center Endowment as of March 1, 2023 was \$42,567.22. Over the course of the month \$170.30 in interested was achieved. The Total on March 31, 2023 was \$42,737.52. These funds are deposited in the Connecticut Short Term Investment Fund at an annual yield of 4.87%.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - The committee reported on the options for the saying on the second bench to be placed on the Senior Center Campus. The four options were as follows:
 - a. **“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count, it’s the life in your years”.** (four votes)
 - b. **“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together”.** (one vote)
 - c. **“Old people are just young people who have been alive for a very long time”.** (three votes)
 - d. **“Cherish yesterday, dream tomorrow, live today”.** (five votes)

The winner of the quote for the bench was “d”, “Cherish yesterday, dream tomorrow, live today”

“A motion was made that the Senior Center Board purchase two benches for a total of \$4800.00 for placement on the Senior Center campus and Rockville Spur of the Rails to Trails. Funds to be expended from the Senior Center Endowment Account.” The motion was made by Maryann Hopowiec and seconded by Bob Audet. Motion passed unanimously.

- **DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS** – Maureen Gabriele advised the group that the newsletter was on-line last week and hard copies were distributed by Maureen to the Board Members. She asked that everyone pay special attention to the back cover where all the upcoming events for the next month are located with corresponding sign-up information. Maureen Gabriele shared highlights from the newsletter relative to the **Sock Hop** being done in conjunction with the Library; and the **Seniorhood Fair** put on by the Tolland County Multidisciplinary Team scheduled for October 21, 2023 to be held at the Vernon Center Middle School. Admission is free!

Maureen also shared the sad news that Ron Kane long time Senior Center Advisory Board member and very active member of the old and new Senior Center has passed away. It was decided to send a card on behalf of the board to the Kane Family.

Maureen distributed the Senior Center budget update to the Board.

- **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** – Chairman Ed Slattery thanked Maureen and her staff for a beautiful 5th Anniversary celebration. He felt that we are fortunate to have the support of so many senior, the Town’s Administration in particular the Mayor to be so blessed to have this wonderful center. We need to keep in mind that we need to continue to be vigilant about maintaining this building as a dedicated Senior Center.

- **OLD BUSINESS** - Town Council member Bill Campbell thanked Maureen Gabriele for the wonderful Volunteer Luncheon recently held at the Center. It is very hard to find people willing to give of their time and he was glad we took a moment to say thank you.
- **NEW BUSINESS** - It should be noted that next month will be nominations for officers. If you are interested in the positions please contact one of the current officers to find out what the position requires and to answer any questions. Voting on those nominated will take place at the June meeting.
- **ADJOURNMENT** - Nancy Sirois made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Maryann Hopowiec. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Wheelock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Diane Wheelock
Recording Secretary