



TOWN OF VERNON

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APPROVED

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

MAY 23, 2023

10:00 AM

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- **ROLL CALL** - Chairman Edward Slattery called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The following Board members were present: Edward Slattery, Maryann Hopowiec, Janet DiTarando, Sheila Dunn, Bob Audet, and Patty Noblet. Also in attendance: Bill Campbell, Town Council liaison, Maureen Gabriele, Director and Carole Slattery, Advisor. Absent: Nancy Sirois, Wes Shorts and Pam Faircloth.

- **PUBLIC FORUM** – Theresa Labelle, Senior Center member brought before the board several suggestions for activities and requested expansion for others.
Theresa was very happy that the trips have resumed, however, she hopes that consideration can be given to expanding the number of individuals able to participate. Expanding the hours of the Center into the evening to offer more programming for members who are still working. Hopeful that painting classes can return to three times a week. Mornings are most popular, but, evening would also work. Of course trying some of these is good, but, if they are not popular then it is understandable that they would be discontinued.

Director Gabriele addressed Ms. Labelle's concerns and suggestions. She was willing to look at possibility of expanding. Evenings were discontinued due to COVID. Once we are fully staff we can take a look at evening hours again. Painting class has always been three times a day on one day per week and has definitely challenges due to the length of time the room is needed. If we open in the evening we could add a class as long as we can limit the time slot. We are always looking for new opportunities for changed based on member interest. Thank you for coming.

- **APPROVE MINUTES** – the April 25, 2023 minutes were reviewed by the group and a motion was made by Bob Audet and seconded by Janet DiTarando to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- **SECRETARY'S REPORT** – No Report
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Patty Noblet, Assistant Treasurer shared a report prepared by Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer along with Wes Shorts, Treasurer. The ending balance of the Senior Center Endowment Fund \$42,909.33 on April 28, 2023. The earned interest was \$171.81. This account is invested in the CT Short-Term Investment Fund at an annual yield of 4.90%.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – No Report
- **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS** – May is "Older American's Month". Our lunch program is ongoing and very popular. June we will be starting outdoor events in the pavilion. June 8, 2023 Frank and Phil; June 16, 2023 Senior Chorus will give a concert and July 21, 2023 will be Chicken Dinner and Concert. Men's Night In will also be held in June with Pizza, wings and dessert while watch the Red Sox and Yankees. The newsletter is running a little behind, but, it is hoped that you will be receiving it soon. Lots of other items will be listed in the newsletter and remember that advance notice given on upcoming months on the last page of the newsletter.

The requested park benches have been ordered. We are awaiting word of their arrival from Parks and Recreation.

Maureen Gabriele distributed the current status of the Town of Vernon, Senior Center budget. Acceptance of the document was moved by Bob Audet and seconded by Janet DiTarando and passed unanimously.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – No Report
- **OLD BUSINESS** - No Report
- **NEW BUSINESS** – Nominations for the 2023-2024 Slate of Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. These nominations will be voted at the June meeting.

Ed Slattery was nominated for **Chairman** by Patty Noblet and seconded by Maryann Hopowiec; Patty Noblet was nominated for **Chairman** by Janet DiTarando and seconded by Bob Audet. The nominations were accepted by the Board unanimously.

Patty Noblet was nominated for **Vice-Chairman** by Ed Slattery and seconded by Mariann Hopowiec; Janet DiTarando was nominated for **Vice Chairman** by Patty Noblet and Bob Audet. The nominations were accepted by the Board unanimously.

Nancy Sirois was nominated for Corresponding Secretary by Maryann Hopowiec and seconded by Bob Audet. The nomination was accepted by the Board unanimously. No other nominations were offered.

Bob Audet was nominated for Treasurer by Ed Slattery and seconded by Maryann Hopowiec. The nomination was accepted by the Board unanimously. No other nominations were offered.

Janet DiTarando was nominated for Assistant Treasurer by Ed Slattery and seconded by Bob Audet. The nomination was accepted by the Board unanimously. No other nominations were offered.

Nominations will be voted on at the June Board Meeting by paper ballot. Only sitting Board members have a vote in the election.

- **ADJOURNMENT** – meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Vernon Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Wheelock
Recording Secretary