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REGULAR MEETING

SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

135 Bolton Road
Vernon, Connecticut

JUNE 27, 2023

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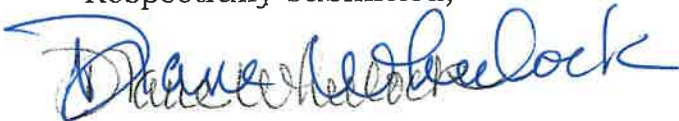
- **ROLL CALL** – Chairman Edward Slattery called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and immediately called the roll. Those members present were Bob Audet, Janet DiTarando, Sheila Dunn, Pamela Faircloth, Pat Noblet and Nancy Sirois. Members absent: Wes Shorts and Marianne Hopowiec. Also in attendance were Director Maureen Gabriele, Advisor Carole Slattery and Council Liaison Bill Campbell.
- **PUBLIC FORUM** – No one was present for citizen's comment.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – One correction and one clarification were offered. The title of the document should be changed from agenda to minutes and the Director's report should include the clarification of the paint class days and hours. The amendments were made by recording secretary Diane Wheelock and a motion was made by Bob Audet and seconded by Patty Noblet to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
- **SECRETARY'S REPORT** – No report
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** – The Treasurer's Report was given by Patty Noblet, Assistant Treasurer. The starting balance as of May 1, 2023 was \$42,909.33 with a monthly interest at 5.12% in the amount of \$184.66 for a balance of \$43,093.99 as of May 31, 2023. A motion was made by Janet DiTarando and seconded by Bob Audet. The motion carried unanimously.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - No report
- **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS** – Maureen Gabriele, Director shared that June is proved to be a very busy month with the opening up of outdoor events under

the pavilion. Check out the July newsletter for all the outdoor events that are ongoing. In July there will be a change to the Footcare Program. Our long time vendor has decided to retire and we are searching for a new vendor as are many surrounding senior centers. There is a possibility out of Massachusetts that is looking to expand and has hired our footcare person Karen to work for them. More to come as we work through the changes.

We have hired a second assistant program coordinator to assist Sue with programming. With this new hire on board we will be opening two evenings per week beginning in August. A discussion took place about the difficulty with signing up, limited space in programs and options other than coming to the Center to sign up. Maureen shared that the space is limited and can only serve so many. We can look at options now that the outdoor areas are available. Chairman Slattery asked for an update on better knives for the struggling seniors who have difficulty cutting with existing utensils. Maureen shared that a small supply is available for those who need them.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – the Chairman asked that his report be taken out of order and old business go first. Once the election took place and the slate announced, Chairman Slattery asked that the board be the eyes and ears of the Center making sure that concerns come to the board. A discussion took place relative to the future of the senior center and the ever growing needs of the senior population.
- **OLD BUSINESS - ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – The following slate of officers were elected to serve the seniors and lead the senior citizen's board: Chairman – Ed Slattery; Vice Chairman – Patty Noblet; Treasurer – Bob Audet; Assistant Treasurer – Janet DiTarando and Recording Secretary – Nancy Sirois.
- **NEW BUSINESS** - It was asked if individuals could participate in the STIF funds where the Senior Center Endowment is invested. Diane Wheelock will check with the Finance Department and send a note with the email when the minutes and new agenda are distributed.
- **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.
- **Next meeting** is July 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Wheelock
Recording Secretary