

**MILFORD COUNCIL ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Chairman, Ed Roth, called the October meeting of the Council on Aging to order at 10:03 a.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ed Roth mentioned that he had received an answer to Vice Chairman, Bob Dwyer's proposal about remote participation at meetings from Town Administrator, Richard Villani. The answer was no.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The secretary, Vincent Squiciari, read the report aloud to the other members. Reye Ferrera made a motion to accept the report as read. It was seconded by Fran Small and passed unanimously.

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The director, Sue Clark, gave a general outline of the activities for the month of October, such as the trip to the Bourne Scallop Fest, and a trip to the Commonwealth Museum in Boston, as well as the 9-11 Memorial Service and the trip to Foxwoods, the Healthy Living Lunch, and the movie. The Senior Center provided 4,953 units of service to 1,213 people (unduplicated) during this time. We were open 25 days, and received 623 calls. The van transported 63 people.

BUDGET REPORT: The General Fund balance is \$51,655,.25. Formula Grant Balance is \$37,549.60, and the Revolving Fund Balance is 18,580.56. Fran Small made a motion to accept the Budget Report and it was seconded by Charles Skaff. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: The Director announced that the town of Milford has disbursed \$75,000 towards the construction of a fitness room in the Bleakney Senior Center. There were many questions about contractors and materials to be used but the most important thing is that the money has been given.

NEW BUSINESS: The Director had a couple of questions for the Council. The first had to do with realtors and how much credence should be given to their claims to help seniors who are downsizing their houses. One reply was given to trust the advice of the Town's lawyers. Another question was whether we could put offering boxes at different spots throughout the building. The prevailing thought was NO, that the seniors who attend the Center might construe this as a constant attack on their pockets or pocketbooks.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ed Roth, the Chairman, introduced the idea of not having a meeting in November. The next meeting would be on December 9th,

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Charles Skaff to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Absent from the meeting was Bob Dwyer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Member, Ed Roth, made a motion to dispense with the oral reading of the June meeting minutes. It was seconded by Vincent Squicari. The motion passed unanimously.

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director of the Senior Center, Sue Clark, outlined some of the activities of the months of June, July and August.

BUDGET REPORT: The General Fund balance is \$52,244.27. Formula Grant Balance is \$40,992.00, and the Revolving Fund Balance is \$17,372.27. Reye

Ferrara made a motion to accept the Budget Report and it was seconded by Vincent Squiciari. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ed Roth offered policies and procedures on behalf of Dr. Robert Dwyer, Council Vice Chairman.

- A member may participate in a meeting by teleconference provided he or she gives at least a 24 hour notice to the COA Chairman or Senior Center Director. The term “teleconference” shall mean verbal participation By the member via a telephone, internet audio or video conferencing, or any other technology that enables the remote participant and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another,
- The COA Chairman or, in the chair’s absence, the person chairing the meeting may decide how to address technical difficulties that arise as a result of utilizing remote participation but is encouraged whenever possible, to suspend discussion while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that interferes with a remote participant’s ability to hear or be heard clearly by all persons present at the meeting location.

Ed Roth gave a talk about conference calls.

Harold Rhodes gave a talk on the commission on disability, incorporating it into our use.

Sue Clark, the director , gave a talk on getting money from Town Meeting to finish a room for a fitness center.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Fran Small to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10.48 a.m. Absent from the meeting was Bob Dwyer,