MINUTES
Commission on Aging Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
Community Center Room 107

Members Present: Phyllis Jachimowski, Chairman Evelyn Molner, Robert Newton and Suzanne Reilly.

Member Absent: Kathryn Rich

Others Present: Mary McNelis, Community Services Director and Lucy McConologue, Elderly Services Manager

1. **Call meeting to order:** Evelyn called the meeting to order @ 10:07 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Approval of November 28, 2018 meeting minutes:** A motion was made by Phyllis and seconded by Bob to approve the November 28, 2018 meeting minutes, motion carried.

5. **Elderly Services Manager Report:** Lucy presented her current report for March - the Motown and Sharon trips are full. The 2019 Spring/Summer Programs Guide were mailed to 7,000 residents reaching 2,500 seniors. We are currently on track to reach our goal of 500 members by end of year, were at 472 to date vs. 265 last year. Mary reported they received 'extra' funding through grants and there were no cancelled programs. Mary also reported that she included a new Bus (26 passengers) in the Capital Budget. Pickle Ball is now offered 2 days per week and have a following of 12 -16 people. The Wii Bowling group continues and they are improving in hopes to go on the road and participate in tournaments with other senior centers. Wellness and informational Programs continue to do well. An additional Strength training class was added. The AARP Income Tax service is on target to reach 100 participants. The online scheduling system is working out well. Staff received AED and CPR training; there are 3 AED's in the building. Transportation rides are still being encouraged on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, but the driver is sometimes available on other days especially went a resident needs to go the Food Bank, Suzanne revisited the use of volunteers providing transportation with the town cars. Mary mentioned that use of the town vehicles was too much of a liability according to the town attorney.

6. **Municipal Agent Report -** Bonnie Wilkes was not able to attend and therefore there was no report at this time.

7. **Financial Report:** Mary shared the financial report for the Elderly Services department with the maintenance and repair of the Van has seen an increase and will likely be over budget, but felt that the town would assist if needed. The 2019 budget submitted to the First Selectmen had an $800 increase.

8. **Public Comment:** None

9. **Old Business:** None

10. **New Business:** Mary mentioned the increase in Mailing costs with the price of stamps now at 55 cents has impacted the monthly mailing of the Senior Center Newsletter and the mailing along costs $6.60 per member. There are still members that prefer to receive the hard copy in the mail and do not have access to a computer. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Phyllis to increase the membership fees from $5 to $7 for Seymour Residents and from $7 to $9 for non residents and the 80 yrs+ Seymour Residents will still receive free memberships and the 80 yrs+ non residents will be increase from $7 to $9 effective July 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Member Comment:** Suzanne suggested a moment of silence for past Chairman Karen Stanek who recently passed.
Bob mentioned that AARP Medicare members may attend the Driver's Refresher Course offered and receive a discount between April 23 and August 21.

12. **Prepare April 24, 2019 meeting agenda** – Suzanne will reach out to The Library Director Suzanne Garvey to see if she'd like to present at a future meeting Mary mentioned perhaps she'd like to wait until the Library renovations are complete

13. **Adjournment** A motion was made by Suzanne and seconded by Bob to adjourn, Motion carried. (11:09 am)

Respectfully Submitted,   Suzanne Reilly, Secretary - Commission on Aging