

Ludlow Council on Aging
Board Meeting – Senior Center
Meeting Minutes of 9-20-17

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Meeting called to order at 4:33pm by Fred Lafayette followed by roll call.

- I. Roll call present:** Frank Krzanik, Fred Lafayette, Roz Forti, Nancy Pauze, Jodi Zepke, John DaCruz, Al LeMay, Helen Grabowski, Sheena Santolini, and Janice Grimaldi. **Excused:** Diane Goncalves and Lucille Carneiro.
- II. Secretary's Report:** July's minutes: Read and accepted on m/s/c Al Lemay and Nancy Pauze.
- III. Treasurer's Report:** FY18 Budget: Budget fine. Read and accepted on m/s/c Helen Grabowski and Nancy Pauze.
- IV. Director's Report:**
- a. **Grants update:** Jodi Zepke explained that the FY 18 Formula Grant is still not settled. Still waiting on the State budget. Jodi explained there was a mishap with the Title III grant. She never received the paperwork and therefore missed the deadline. Gary Donnelly at WestMass Elder Care was able to still award one grant for the Memory Café. Full proposal was completed and submitted to WestMass.
 - b. **SeniorStrong:** The Grass root will be holding a wine/beer tasting info evening. Sheena Santolini spoke about Celebrate Ludlow and the Kick off. Report accepted on motion by Nancy Pauze and 2nd Sheena Santolini.
- V. Chairman's Report:**
- a. **New Board Member:** Fred Lafayette welcomed new members Sheena Santolini and Janice Grimaldi to the COA board.
 - b. **SCBS:** Fred explained that we are on the brink of success or failure. He went on to explain that a letter was sent to the BOS on 9/19/17 asking for a special town meeting in January so that the Town meeting members can vote on an appropriation for t anew Center. He explained that we are following the democratic procedure. He also reiterated that Jodi will present to the BOS again and that it is very important. He explained that there is still some confusion in the process. Mr. Mannix would not vote for a special town meeting until he is given more information. Fred to invite Mr. Mannix to the Center to provide him with more information. Fred explained that Jodi and Richard Moskal (from SCBC) will be meeting with committees and groups in Town. We need to educate as many as possible. Sheena Santolini asked if they took a vote to have special and Fred reported no. Jan Grimaldi asked about negative feedback from the community. Jodi reported that she has gotten very little and writes down any comments. Fred asked what will a proactive Center do for the

community? Healthy senior population...no drain on other services and leads to a healthy community. We need support.

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VI. Old Business:

- a. **Outreach Report:** attached – no comment.
- b. **Committee reports:** Helen Grabowski update on Friends.

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VII. New Business:

- a. Updates to the member list.
- b. Tabled new designee as Lucille has been able to come in and sign the bills.

VIII. Liaison Corner:

- a. Jeff Laing was present to update on school business. Jeff reported that the School Committee has finished the feasibility study. Jeff reported that the study found that it will be \$50 million to build a new elementary school on the lower fields behind Chapin St. School or \$48 million to repair the existing buildings. Jeff reported that the superintendant would like to break ground in 2018.

IX. Adjourn:

- a. Motion to adjourn at 5:40pm by Helen Grabowski, 2nd Al LeMay. All in favor: motion carried:

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Zepke