

Ludlow Council on Aging
Board Meeting - Senior Center
Meeting Minutes of 3-21-18

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Meeting called to order at 4:35pm by Chairman, Fred Lafayette, followed by roll call. TOWN OF LUDLOW

- I Roll call present:- Lucille Carneiro, John DaCruz, Roz Forti, Diane Goncalves, Helen Grabowski, Jan Grimaldi, Frank Krzanik, Fred Lafayette, Nancy Pauze, Sheena Santolini, Jodi Zepke.
Absent: Al Lemay.
- II Secretary's Report: Read and accepted on m/s/c Nancy Pauze and Sheena Santolini.
- III Treasurer's Report: Budget continues on track. Report accepted on m/s/c Helen Grabowski and Jan Grimaldi.
- IV Director's Report: Jodi is more than frustrated with the lack of repairs in 2- 1/2 months. And phone calls coming in to the office are picked up by the answering service instead of the receptionist and/or a staff member resulting in missing lunch reservation calls and transportation calls. No definitive answers from the insurance companies who continue to "pass the buck" from one to the other. So we wait! and wait! and as we wait seniors are reluctant to come to the center....we are unable to continue some programs.... and attendance starts to fall. No help from Select Board. Council member John DaCruz was shocked at the appearance of the premises and the conditions under which staff must work every day due to the lack of any repairs made to date. He assured the Board he would look into the matter immediately. In the meantime Jodi continues her progress updates and all Forums are well attended. Report accepted on m/s/c Frank Krzanik and Sheena Santolini
- V Chairman's Report: Fred acknowledged the presence of an interested guest at our meeting, Kara Ribeiro. He noted that we received no help, from those in the know, regarding protocols or the avoidance of any restrictions that could have jeopardized our project. But we learned and avoided any pitfalls. He noted that as the center has always done, those needing transportation to the polls must let their request be known early on since the center's vans will be operating during regular hours only.
Voting next month on nominees for Council Board as follows: Fred Lafayette, Chairman: Frank Krzanik, Vice-Chair: Helen Grabowski, Treasurer: Lucille Carneiro Secretary.
Report accepted on m/s/c John DaCruz and Sheena Santolini.
- VI Old Business:
 - a. Outreach Report: none
 - b. Committee reports: none

VII New Business: none presented

Unrelated coming event of interest sponsored by Ludlow Cultural Council with a Massachusetts
Cultural Grant: "Ludlow's Students and Culture along the Riverwalk"
Art, Music and Literature Expo - Saturday, April 7, 2018 - 10am - 2pm
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VIII Liaison Corner: Manuel Silva, liaison

a. Update on town issues: Liaison absent

IX School Corner: Jeff Laing, liaison

a. Update on school issues: Jeff reported the school department has already received next year's budget from the town accountant.

The blizzard bag program, which would have counted toward required days needed each school year, is getting much opposition from students as well as parents. Their comments: excessive work. Still working to develop the program.

The public forums regarding the proposed new school(s) have been fairly well attended and thus far, there have been no opposition groups to contend with. Fliers are being prepared to help get out the word and we will continue to keep the Board informed as we go forward.

X Adjournment: Motion made Diane Goncalves and 2nd Helen Grabowski to adjourn...all in favor..... motion carried....meeting adjourned at 5:40pm

Respectfully submitted

L. Carneiro
L. Carneiro, Secretary