

## Commission on Aging (COA)

### Minutes from September 25, 2014 Meeting

**Call to Order:** 10:30 am by Chairwoman Jovita Cozean

**Present:** Suzanne Bostelman, Jovita Cozean, Rosalie Hoffman, MaryEllen Klinck, Jim O'Brien, John Pagnani, Brad Parker, Vicki Riley-Pach, Alice Sabo

**Absent:** Jo Golec, Ernie Malavasi: all excused

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted on motion by Alice Sabo, seconded by Suzanne Bostelman

**Treasurer's Report:** Fund 52 Account: \$5,542.33

**Correspondence:** Committee has not yet received response from town Selectman requesting the following people be re-appointed to COA: Alice Sabo, Jovita Cozean, Rosalie Hoffman plus 2 alternates: MaryEllen Klinck & Suzanne Bostelman.

**Chairwoman's Report:** No report

**Citizens' Concerns:** None

#### Old Business:

1. Rosalie Hoffman updated the Committee re the "Are You OK?" Call System. She presented a draft of the info/signup sheet for the program. The sub-committee will meet again with Craig Mansfield (Manager, EH Emergency Management Call System). Issues that still need to be decided:
  - A. How to promote the program, get the word out: publications, flyers, town website
  - B. Time when the calls will be placed to the homes: 8-9 AM? LATER?
  - C. Need to develop protocol for seniors to follow when they will not be home during the calling time period: who to contact, how, etc.
  - D. Determine weekend and holiday coverage
  - E. Need volunteers who will be part of the "call tree" and make visits to homes
2. Seniors Helping Seniors Program: Brad reported that he has been meeting with potential volunteers and agencies who currently run such a program.

**New Business:** None

**Coordinator of Senior Services Report:** Brad Parker reported on the following:

1. Attendance numbers for the year are up 50% over last year (July 1 – June 30)
2. MOW (Meals on Wheels) over 5000; daily lunches over 2300
3. BINGO number increasing. Last month, 28 players
4. Pilates Club members have increased
5. Many trips the past 2 months. Newport, BIG E, Hebron Fair, Red Hats.

6. Casino: 2 busloads in August
7. Picnic to celebrate National Senior Center Month was held September 24: 75 people. Entertainment. Chestelm & Cobolt Lodge paid for the food.
8. Chestelm interested in more collaborations
9. New program: Line Dancing with Mimi. Will meet 3 days. Road Trip to Cadillac Ranch.
10. Pot Luck Monday, Sept 26: 35 people
11. August Tag Sale: \$1100 raised. 28 vendors, very high turnout. Will be an annual event.
12. Lions fed the Seniors: Annual picnic. 130 people.
13. Question was asked: Do we rent the Center to outside groups? No. Insurance considerations. Set up is limited.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 20, 2014

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am on motion by Rosalie Hoffman; seconded by Alice Sabo.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Susannah Griffin