



**COUNCIL ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL
2022-05-04**

Members: Chair Judith Hoag, Treasurer Laura Lafreniere, Director: Lois Leonardo-Bell, Sharon Barry, Patricia R. Jones, Crystal Main, Marilyn R. Miller, Marge Pierre. Regrets: Noreen P. Suriner. **Guest:** Barbara Miller

Meeting began at 1:00.

- Motion made by Char to approve the March 2nd minutes as written, Marilyn 2nd. Vote 8-0
- Foot Clinic is scheduled for June 27th and 28th.
- Signatures for Gateway's Brunch and concert have been called in.
- Water: Our water was tested by Aerus, results were low hard water and high iron sediment. Cost would be \$3,900 to get drinkable water. Curt had another company do a test with a result of higher hard water and high iron at a cost of \$5,000. We will contact Barnes and Kiley for a third estimate.
- Budget: The Town Account has \$2,999.13 in the account. 73% has been spent. The State account is showing \$6,000. Laurie will have to check on that. The donation account is \$5,240.
- BPClinics: Northampton nurses are offering blood pressure clinics the first wednesday of the month. At the last clinic, suggestions were given as to how to get a better blood pressure reading. The agenda's suggestion that the BPHA was offering BPClinics was incorrect
- Transportation: FRTA sent an overview to the COA, which was forwarded to the Selectboard. Judy will contact the Selectboard after town meeting to arrange a meeting with FRTA to discuss this further.
- Grants: AARP covers grants for senior center. Char will check out aarp's grant opportunities. Marge suggested the building of the ramp that will extend to the paved area should be considered.
- Highland Valley: Kelly McCarthy, a Highland Valley employee whose parents reside in Middlefield may be a contact to find out what services are offered.
- COA: Renaming the Senior Center will be put off until work is completed through the grant.
- Golden Cane Ceremony: Lois will track down Noreen for an update on Tony's condition.
- Fire Department: Sharon delivered the cookies made by seniors on Tuesday the 8th as promised, to thank the fire department for their sand deliveries. .
- Sharon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:21, Char 2nd Vote:7 to 0

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux