



**COUNCIL ON AGING  
MEETING MINUTES  
MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL  
2022-06-08**

**Members:** Chair Judith Hoag, Treasurer Laura Lafreniere, Director: Lois Leonardo-Bell, Sharon Barry, Patricia R. Jones, Crystal Main, Marge Pierre and Noreen P. Suriner. **Guest:** Curt Robie  
**Regrets:** Marilyn R. Miller and Char Gero  
Meeting began at 1:08

- Senior Center Construction: Curt Robie has an update on the progress. The work will be going out to bid shortly. Phase one will be taking care of the crawlspace. Access will be provided for the construction as well as provide access in case of future problems. Curt requested that we talk about giving up the small bathroom for space needed for anticipated improvements. We have a handicapped accessible bathroom. Next Wednesday the bathrooms will be inspected. Phase 2 will consist of the electrical system. Because grants have changed to a one stop shopping in Massachusetts, a grant for a generator can be applied for as part of the infrastructure. The need for senior housing was discussed.
- Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written of May 4. Motion passed unanimously.
- The coffee pot needs to be replaced. Lois agreed to shop for a replacement.
- The cost of the Foot Clinic has risen from \$30.00 to \$40.00. COA will pay \$20 for middlefield seniors. The next foot clinic is June 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>.
- A 3% raise was requested for the Director and the Luncheon Coordinator. A motion was made and seconded for a 3% increase. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kelly McCarthy will be on the agenda at 1:00 on July 13 to talk about the benefits offered by Highland Valley.
- Golden Cane: Tony Devecchi has been nominated as the oldest living resident of Middlefield. Tony is still residing at Laurel Lake Rehab. Sharon McDonald, Tony's friend and co-owner of the Northeast ballet school is gathering material to make a presentation of Tony's life achievements. The COA will present Tony with the golden cane next Wednesday at the presentation. Noreen will arrange to make the presentation personally as soon as possible.
- The Tanglewood runners will be running a relay marathon from Symphony Hall in Boston to Tanglewood in Lenox and are stopping for a breakfast break in Middlefield on July 2nd. Light breakfast and refreshments have been provided to the runners for at least ten years from volunteers in Middlefield. The runners promise a free concert in return.
- Barnes and Kiley water conditioning company was contacted for a free water test and estimate. Two estimates have been made and a third is needed. They agreed to do this as soon as a second request from Middlefield was received. The contact information will be emailed to Judy.
- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 2:40. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne C. Lemieux