

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
MEETING MINUTES  
MIDDLEFIELD SENIOR CENTER  
2023-03-08**

**Members:** Chair Judith Hoag, Director: Suzanne C. Lemieux, Sharon Barry, Charlene Gero, Patricia R. Jones, Marge Pierre, Noreen Suriner. Regrets: Treasurer Laurie Lafreniere.

Meeting began at 1:00

**Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve February 15 minutes. Motion passed.

**Director Report:** A conversation with Kelly McCarthy(Highland Valley) revealed an upcoming grant for exercise programs for two years. A zoom class is scheduled for March 28 about applying for this grant. Our chances of getting awarded this grant would improve greatly if we paired with another town and Chester would be willing to pair with us. A motion was made and seconded to pair with Chester to apply for this grant. Motion passed.

**Lunch Delivery Program:** The deliveries have been on time and the food is a better temperature.

**Transportation:** Kristen Smidy (Gateway Superintendent) will be contacted about using their buses.

**Foot Clinic:** Serena Merrell texted me about giving up her foot care career. After this decision, she had a car crash and is recovering from her injuries. Noreen will pick up a cake and flowers and Serena for an arranged lunch at the COA. The search is on for a new foot care nurse. Community Health programs and Kelly McCarthy are some of the resources to contact.

**Computer class:** Shaec's February Computer Class worked out well. March 21 is the next scheduled class with info about ipads and iphones at 1:00 at town hall.

**Computer:** Need to get prices on a computer for the Senior Center, will speak to Russell director about their program for data base. Will bring a current copy of budget to next meeting.

**Water Test:** A water test was done through Microbac Laboratories on February16. The Selectboard were given a copy of the results.

**Town Administration:** See Judy for contact information for town administration.

**Special Town Meeting:** Reviewed the Special Town Meeting from last year on the appropriations that were approved at that time. The next STM is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00<sup>AM</sup>. An Article will be on the agenda requesting appropriations from free cash for \$69,912, with the stated intention that the money can remain available past June 30<sup>th</sup> to provide a grant match if a grant of \$500,000 for the Senior Center Building Repairs is awarded to Middlefield. Discussion ensued about the Senior Center and what we offer to the town. Noreen will work on a notice of this event. Char will provide some colored papers to use for the notices.

Motion made to adjourn at 2:31.

Next meeting April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Suzanne C. Lemieux