

**COUNCIL ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLEFIELD SENIOR CENTER
2023-09-20**

Present:

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

Meeting began at 1:20

Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to approve Sept 12 with one amendment. Motion passed.

Textile Box: Patrick sent us a design that focused on the fair for the textile box. The preferred logo should have more to do with the Middlefield Seniors. A picture taken of the Middlefield flag was sent to Patrick for his thoughts. I will ask him about signage that would list all textiles that would be accepted in the box.

Foot Care Clinic: Concerns discussed about people cancelling appointments without adequate notice. The regular cost of an appointment for a non-resident senior is \$47.50 per visit. The COA pays \$22.50 for residents and they pay \$25. If someone cancels and we cannot fill that slot, we still have to pay \$47.50 to the company for that appointment. A policy will be written up for clients and reviewed at the next meeting.

FRTA: Reported complaints received from Blandford COA concerning FRTA's service. Need to hear from other towns about their service. Motion was made and seconded to suggest to the Selectboard to look into other consortium's experience with FRTA before making their decision. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Highland Valley Grant: We were not approved for the Exercise Grant because other towns had more of a need than us, also because my future projections weren't adequate.

State Formula Grant: Amount promised will be based on the results of our 2020 census.

MOCA: MOCA dues are due for \$230. Will be put on the warrant.

Cultural Council: Bids are due for the Council by October 17.

Treasurer Report: Laurie will check into old 3097 account to find out if it's active. Possible shortfalls in budget will also be checked into.

Report: \$1,081.90 was spent out of the grant account. Current spending is acceptable. Town account has \$6,281 as a balance.

Middlefield Days: Saturday the 14th. Char volunteered for coffee duty at the senior center. People will be asked to donate pastry for coffee time.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting at 2:40. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: 10/11/2023

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne C. Lemieux