

**COUNCIL ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLEFIELD SENIOR CENTER
2023-02-15**

Members: Chair Judith Hoag, Director: Suzanne C. Lemieux, Sharon Barry, Charlene Gero, Patricia R. Jones, Marge Pierre. **Regrets:** Treasurer Laurie Lafreniere and Noreen Suriner
Guests: Curt Robie and Crystal Wright (Huntington Outreach)

Meeting began at 1:00

Senior Center Building Maintenance: Curt Robie announced the upcoming Special Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 am. Article 2: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$69,912.00 from Free Cash to be applied toward the cost of repairs to the Town Senior Center, will be on the warrant. The Town has applied for a \$500,000 grant to preserve the senior center. The \$69,000 is needed in addition to the money already appropriated to complete the project. Curt asked for a letter from the Council on Aging stating how important the building is to the Seniors in Middlefield. He is going to come up with a rough draft and send it to the Chair who will draft the letter.

Huntington Caregiver grant: Crystal Wright (Huntington Outreach Support) updated our Board on the requirements to qualify to receive a one time stipend of \$400 from an \$8,000 caregivers respite grant that Huntington COA was awarded. A caregiver of a family member who is 60 or older with the exception of family with early onset alzheimers. It is not based on financial need, it is based on need. Crystal left her contact information, if anyone knows of a caregiver who would qualify, they should contact the Director. The caregiver who has hired someone for a few hours to enable her or him some respite time, a hand written note would be sufficient proof to qualify for this award.

A "Dementia Friends Information Session" is a program that Crystal could bring up here but unfortunately our schedules identical at this time.

Foot Clinic: Problems that occurred at last clinic was discussed. Suzanne will speak to Serena and report back.

Formula Grant: Applying for the grant is the current project to be dealt with.

Northampton Nurses: Mix-up in schedules discussed. Hopefully it will all work out with the scheduled changes. Info period will begin at 12:30. Blood pressure clinic is a necessity. We will sign up for 6 months.

Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve Jan 11, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn at 2:00.

Next meeting March 8th at 1:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne C. Lemieux