

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING NOVEMBER 13,2018

Mary Lou opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Those in attendance included: Mary Lou Staples, Chairperson, Vonnie Clark, Vice Chairperson, Judy Lane, Secretary, Mary Anderson, Bill Caton, John Clark, Paul DeSimone, Siri Krishna Khalsa, Ron Lane, Grace Rossetti, and Charlene Tingley. Staff people present were Courtney Riley, Director of the Senior Center and Kate Fennyery, Outreach worker. Mary Lou extended an invitation to all members of the C.O.A. to attend an event sponsored by Town Hall to thank Medway volunteers. She also asked who might attend. It will be held at Thayer House at 7:00 p.m. on December 10, 2018. Courtney introduced Julie Harrington, the new Parks and Recreation Director to the Council.

Vonnie made the motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting, Mary seconded. The motion passed.

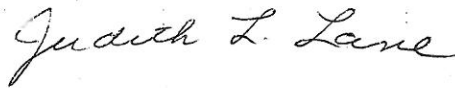
Courtney read the Treasurer's report. We started the month with \$125,000+, the State grant contains -\$4000 and we have \$9,000+ in the donation account. Senator Karen Spilka gave us a One time grant to be spent by the end of this fiscal year. The grant is \$21,000. The money will provide more police and fire programs to the Center, supply us with a new "Smart Television" and better microphone and other program supplies. Grace motioned that money donated to the Center be given to the Friends of Elders as they provide our funding. Bill seconded the motion which passed. Mary motioned that we accept the report; Grace seconded. The motion passed.

Courtney began her Director's report by reintroducing Julie Harrington and explaining she will be coordinating how the parks will be used. Julie spoke about starting a walking club at the Center, participating in World Tai Chi Day and doing an artwork project in the new parking lot in the Spring, having Summer concerts at Choate Park, and having "Trunk or Treat" next Fall. She would like to hear suggestions for other programs. She spoke about the Grand openings of the Parks last weekend and thanked everyone who made them so successful. Courtney explained the new traffic flow and parking arrangements. Parking near the door to the Center is reserved for the handicapped. She spoke about our annual intergenerational veterans' project. Marcia did a wonderful job coordinating this massive undertaking. As a thank you to the high schoolers who participated in this (the third year of the project), the Center made a donation in their name to a veterans' group that provides rides to Veterans who need transportation to appointments. The people who sold us the stove came to calibrate it last Friday. They will return Thursday to make sure everything is working well. Our water heater broke last week. It has been replaced. There have been discussions about having breakfast on Wednesdays and changing the time. We may start a trial Wednesday breakfast in January. Grace made a motion to accept Courtney's Director's Report, Vonnie seconded the motion which passed.

Siri Krishna asked about getting solar panels for the Center. The selectmen discussed this and determined there were too many existing trees to make solar panels for the Center feasible at this time. She also suggested a need for parking signs for the Park and the Center.

Kate gave the Outreach report. She and Marcia have been covering for the social worker who retired from the Medway Housing Authority until a new worker is hired. They have been very involved with SMOC / Heating Assistance, Mass Health and SNAP/Food Stamp programs. They have also been working with the Department of Transitional Assistance to become "Outreach Partners" for the SNAP program. They have facilitated a Health Fair, taped a segment for the "Good to Know" cable show, attended a Lions Club meeting, met with Doug Havens from Medway Affordable Housing, facilitated a meeting with Tri-Valley Protective Services Regional Manager and local agencies to discuss recent changes to the Protective Services Program. In addition to the highly successful Veterans' Day project, Marcia has been working to create an intergenerational program with the director of the after school program at the Medway Middle School. They have set the schedule for the next three months for "Good to Know". John made a motion to conclude the meeting, Siri Krishna seconded the motion which passed. Mary Lou closed the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith L. Lane".

Judith L. Lane, Secretary