

Holliston Council on Aging
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
November 8, 2017

Members Present: Bob Malone, Millie Bedard, Frank Caron, Carmen Chiango, Annette Hamlet
Members Absent: Lois Hosmer
Staff Present: Linda Marshall, Linda Sottile, Marty Schneier
Others Present: Anne Louise Hanstad (Chair, Holliston School Committee)
Charles Coles (SSF)

Bob Malone called the meeting to order at 1:03P.M.

There was no public comment.

The minutes of the September 13 and October 11 meetings were moved (Millie) and seconded (Frank) for approval. Unanimous approval voted.

Annette Hamlet provided an update of Baypath meetings for September and October. There were no questions.

Linda Marshall presented the Monthly Director's Report, noting the following:

The Holliston Green Energy grant has provided new light fixtures and LED bulbs throughout the Center, and roof supports have been installed by the DPW.

A new full time driver (Debbie Dupuis) and part time driver (Delphine Greenlaw) have been hired for the Transportation Program.

Metrowest Health Foundation has accepted our grant request for new kitchen appliances, with a decision expected in December.

State formula grant funding has been decreased by the State Legislature by 30 cents per senior to \$9.70 per capita, representing a decrease of about \$750 for Holliston.

Thanksgiving holiday meals will be provided and delivered to seniors by community volunteers, and the Lions Club will be providing Christmas meals.

Programs continue with strong participation and new offerings.

It was moved (Frank) and seconded (Annette) that the SSF was requested to fund a portion (\$75) of the Thanksgiving lunch entertainer, and purchase night vision goggles (\$400). Unanimous approval voted. They were also notified of the Gary Hylander lectures in the upcoming year.

There was lively discussion, led by Anne Louise, about how we might increase community involvement between the schools and the senior community. Anne Louise has several ideas she would like to pursue, and was encouraged to do so, with contact between her and Linda M.

Marty also discussed her thoughts about working to establish a Neighbor Brigade or similar effort (the Village+) in order to expand our ability for outreach to seniors and address several growing needs, including the home handyman/in kind work program. There will be more discussion as ideas develop.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10PM (moved Frank, seconded Carmen, unanimously voted).

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Robert Malone