

**Colrain Council on Aging Meeting Minutes**

**Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Colrain Town Office**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Chairperson Betty Johnson.

Robbie Murphy was introduced as our newest member. Robbie told us where she lives in Colrain, and the rest of the members introduced themselves. Members in attendance were Robbie Murphy, Kathy Phelps, Betty Johnson, Elaine Stanley, Valeda R. Peters, Michelle F. Hillman, Rusty Barnes, Amy Herzig, Richard Herzig, Kathy Steinem, and Janice Barnes.

**Secretary's Report:**

Michelle accepted the minutes as distributed, Elaine seconded, unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Donations:	11-28 Foot Clinic	\$101.00	
	Walking Award	\$250.00	
	Total	\$351.00	
Bills:	11-28 Piper Sagan	\$820.00	Foot Clinic -18 clients
	11-30 Elaine Stanley	\$28.62	Supplies Senior Thursday
	11-30 Pine Hill Orchards	\$1640.00	Dec. Food Vouchers-82ct@\$20.
	12-7 Rusty Barnes	\$22.48	Supplies Senior Thursday
	12-18 Colrain Fire Asso.	\$783.00	Pancake Breakfast-87 Seniors@\$9 ea.
	Total	\$3294.10	

Janice made a motion to accept the amendment to the Secretary's Report that the Donations and Bills for October that were submitted be accepted. Elaine seconded, unanimously approved. That fixed last month's boo-boo in Secretary's Report. Thank you, Valeda, for finding that mistake.

Kathy made a motion to accept the Bills and Donations from November, Michelle seconded, unanimously accepted.

Foot Clinic 12-26 Janice and Rusty will be there and will call people on 12-22 to remind them and see if there are any changes.

**Old Business:**

Vouchers will be given out at Foot Clinic and Thursday 12-21 at the Town Office.

Kathy added that Jonathan Lagreze would be willing to deliver vouchers to anyone who couldn't pick them up. Janice made a motion to accept Jonathan's generous proposal to deliver any vouchers to recipients who can't get them, Valeda seconded, unanimously accepted.

There was a discussion about the vouchers. Betty will post on Facebook where to pick up vouchers and when and she will have answers at our next meeting.

**The Digital Literacy Grant:**

Six people came for the training. Two of the original winners declined and Betty picked two others, Martha Richardson, and Debbie Benson. Betty hasn't heard anything, so she is assuming things are going well.

Kevin Fox is planning to write the grant for a Feasibility Study for the use of the Cafeteria at the Colrain School as a Senior Center. The grant is due in February.

COA members put their telephone numbers in the street listing to be mailed out to everyone in town.

**New Business:**

Betty will do Foot Clinic for Jan/Feb/March.

Amy and Richie will do the Treasurer's Report.

Title 111 paperwork will be done by Janice.

Robbie shared that the group Age Friendly Community/Mass in Motion has a grant of \$4300 for Colrain Seniors. The organizer, Rachel Stoler, wants to meet in January to discuss possibilities how Colrain Seniors could best utilize the grant. Robbie joined the COA to expand the discussion to the Seniors in the group.

Valeda said that towns in the area gave Seniors buckets of sand in the Winter. She is going to find out if Colrain could do the same.

Betty proposed that the Community Preservation Act would like the opportunity to come to our next meeting and give a slideshow and answer questions. Michelle made a motion to invite the CPA to come to our next meeting on January 22nd to do their short video presentation, Janice seconded, unanimously accepted.

Betty made a request to have the Busts, that are in the Griswold Memorial Library, to be stored at Brad Brigham's house until the COA has a location to display them.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn at 2:50, Richie seconded, unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy S