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**Rehoboth Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
@ Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center
Minutes of January 22, 2020**

- 1) **Call to order**—7:07 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Members Present**— Charlene Cunha, MaryBeth Moriarty, Neal Harrington, Dr. Bruce Thayer and Linda Sherman
Members Excused— Dr. Robert Lambe, Sue Laverdiere and Ron Whittemore
Guests Present— None
- 4) **Review past months meeting minutes**—Sept. 25, 2019 and Oct. 23, 2019 Minutes were approved as is- Dr. Thayer 1st, Neal Harrington 2nd the motion.
- 5) **Presentations**— None
- 6) **Expense Reports**— Approved as is- Neal Harrington 1st and Dr. Thayer 2nd the motion.
- 7) **Director's Report**—
 1. Sheriff's Dept. - November 18th Tina will made safety ID's for the Seniors
 2. Thanksgiving Baskets- were delivered by the Rehoboth Congregational Church on November 23rd
 3. CPR- November 14th Bonnie Meagher taught CPR and Choking
 4. Breakfast with Santa - was held on December 7th- tickets
 5. Census- Jane will be available to help anyone wishing to work for the Census
 6. Chair Yoga – has started up again Trish is our new instructor.
 7. Census- Danielle will do a presentation on Monday March 9th.
 8. Gift Cards- Friends of Rehoboth sent out their Holiday gift cards for those in need which is determined by Brad.

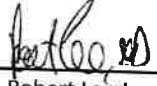
COA Future Projects:

 1. *Upgrading the folding stairs to the attic. The existing stairs are getting worn and could become unsafe.*
 2. *Trashing /recycling the computer monitors stored in the attic. These long ago became obsolete and serve no purpose. As part of this project, clean up the area around the air handlers. Perhaps Derek could help us with the monitor disposal.*
 3. *Inspect and repair as needed air handlers #1 and #2. This is to avoid the leak problem experienced last year with air handler #3*
 4. *Repair /replace the detached / missing insulation in the attic. This situation has likely existed for a few and is adding to the heating /cooling costs.*
- 8) **Old Business**—None
- 9) **New Business**— Review C.O.A. FY 20-21 Budget— Sue McBride and Jim Muri were not able to attend this evening due to other prior commitments, but changes made were discussed over the phone and email. Changes made were for as follows: 1) COA Prof.Tech \$1600 to be removed-not needed because of this functionality has been taken over by Facilities Management. 2) COA Dues- transfer funds to COA Office supplies instead because our yearly dues for SHINE & CIRCA are now paid by Formula Grant. 3) COA Wages- increased to 9.74% due to coverage in absence of COA Director for vacation and sick time used. Volunteers were previously used to cover but now paid staff must be present in the building during business hours of operation per the Town Selectmen. No further discussion on the COA FY 20-21 Budget. MaryBeth motioned to approve- Dr. Thayer 1st and Neal Harrington 2nd motioned. All Board Members agreed and were in favor. Linda has an approval letter for this FY 20-21 Budget that will need to be signed by Dr. Lambe to be forwarded over to the Selectmen for approval.

- 10) **B.E.S.I. Report**— Dr. Thayer is still impressed with how well things are over at B.E.S.I. They currently have an in-house I.T. Staff which includes a full time manager and a few part-time employees. They are looking into hiring an outside consulting group to help more with their on-line needs. Also, Massachusetts Elder Affairs in Boston- has received increased budgets from various agencies. Their Purple Table program has been well received by the local restaurants in Fall River. Their Nutrition person that handles the meals has been doing an outstanding job.
- 11) **Friends of the Rehoboth Elderly Report**— MaryBeth stated that they have someone handling their audit and should be done soon.
- 12) **Correspondence**—None
- 13) **C.O.A. Building usage**— None
- 14) **Open Forum**— Town Facilities Mgr. - Bill did a fantastic job with the issues we had here with our heating system and air handlers. He contacted the right people to help fix the problem in a timely manner and followed through. We now have heat in the front half of our building and do not have to use space heaters. MaryBeth wanted to also add and remind everyone that they all have to update their "Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement".
- 15) **Other Business Issues**—None
- 16) **Adjournment**—7:28pm- MaryBeth motioned to adjourn meeting- Neal Harrington 1st motioned and Dr. Thayer 2nd motioned.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Kim Robens*

Approved by:



Dr. Robert Lambe
C.O.A. Board President

Next COA Board Meeting- To be determined at a later time