

Special Meeting, July 14, 2015

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Minutes

Present: Sharon Cregeen, President, Mary Burlinson, Cheryl Constand, Maryellen Diana, Anne Fiyalka, Mary Ann Freeman, Eunice Hanson, and ex officio members Val Buckley, Easton Senior Center Director and Kay Oestreicher, Easton Senior Center Assistant Director.

Absent: Prabha Gupta, Joan Kirk (ex officio), Elizabeth Ross, Sal Santella

The meeting was called to order by the President at 4:05 p.m.

1. Review revised by-laws. Sharon Cregeen read aloud the by-laws and changes were made as follows:

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

2.2 Specific Purposes Delete "set policy as to types of programs at the Center to aid in the preparation of the Center's budget and to develop and manage fundraising activities" and insert "set policy as to types of programs at the Center to aid in the preparation of the Town budget for the center and to develop and promote fundraising activities by volunteers and the Easton Senior Center, Inc."

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP DeletedARTICLE IV BOARD MEMBERS

Section 4.1. General Powers "Control and disposal of all funds raised by the Advisory Board/Easton Senior Center, Inc. for Easton Senior Center shall be vested in the Advisory Board/Easton Senior Center, Inc.) " was deleted. All funds raised go to the Easton Senior Center, Inc.

Section 4.2. Number A Board of no more than 12 nor less than 9 members has been changed to no more than 10 members nor less than 5 members.

It was suggested that a category addressing absences be inserted in this Article. The recommended wording is "The Chairman will inform the Board of Selectmen if any member misses more than a majority of the meetings in a year with no valid excuse."

ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Section 5.2 Regular Meetings Four or more regular business meetings has been changed to 6 or more regular business meetings.

Section 5.5 Notice of Meetings It was recommended that the 5 days' notice be changed to 3 days but this will be checked with the Town Clerk to be sure it complies with the statutory requirements of Town Law and the Freedom of Information Act.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

6.1 (a) Eliminated

6.3 Vacancies changed to read, "A vacancy in any office of the Advisory Board shall be filled temporarily until the next annual meeting."

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Entire article was eliminated.

ARTICLE VIII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 7.1 Waiver of Notice. In the first line, change Director to member.

Atty. Cregeen will make the appropriate changes and present the by-laws for approval at the next meeting.

1. Discussion of upcoming fundraisers.

Mrs. Buckley reported that the jewelry sale was a great success and netted between \$1100 and \$1200. Ms. Buckley requested help in pricing the many garments that have been received for the tag sale, which is scheduled to open August 3.

There was a discussion about the proposed raffle. Ms. Freeman stated that, since raffle tickets will be sold to the general public, people do not want to offer a home or golf at a private club to people they do not know. It was agreed to solicit donations of items in the following categories: electronics, sports, food, and fitness. Ms. Buckley will submit the application and have tickets ready for the September meeting of the Board.

Orders for the pie sale should be taken in September. The pies will be picked up at the Center on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The frozen pies will cost us \$7.00 each and will sell for \$12 or \$13. Anne Fiyalka and Joan Kirk are in charge of this fundraiser.

2. Update on Grants

The New Freedom Grant covered all but \$300 of the van expenses. We were allowed to spend up to \$29.95 an hour for van driver wages & benefits. The allowed rate for '15 – '16 is \$32.95. She has applied for the '16 – '17 year. The Center should receive the grant for \$300,000 to purchase and install heating and cooling equipment. Improvements will be made to the terrace outside the office of the Municipal Agent for the Elderly.

The Center received \$4,000 from the Tellalian/Carstensen Foundation.

Old Business

Atty. Cregeen nominated Ms. Diana to be Vice President. The motion was seconded by Ms. Constand and passed unanimously.

New Business

Ms. Buckley shared a letter, she received from First Selectman Dunsby, which explains that staff members and volunteers at the Easton Senior Center are covered by the Town's insurance on the premises. On work days, it is advised that they should not transport any other person(s) when they are going to or from the Center, as it increases the Town's liability. A lengthy discussion followed. Atty. Cregeen will call Mr. Dunsby for clarification.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mary Ann C. Freeman
Secretary pro tem