

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 9:30 AM**

**PRESENT:** DIRECTOR, KAREN MICHELMAN, CHAIRMAN MARILY HURST, PAT CAMEROTA, ELEANOR STOLAR, MARYBETH BERGERON, SAUL FINESTONE, DIANE NADEAU, ROSE MORACE, JOHN CAREY, JOE OCCHIUTI, JOHN BOWEN

**ABSENT:** ERNEST BLAKE, MARGARET JENKINS (EXCUSED)

CHAIRMAN HURST WELCOMED EVERYONE AND WISHED THE BOARD A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**-DIANE QUESTIONED WHY THE MINUTES WERE EMENDED. MARY BETH MADE A MOTION AND DIANE SECONDED THE MOTION TO VOTE ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT EVERYONE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE ORIGINAL MINUTES. ALL AGREED.

**TREASURERS REPORT**- REPORT FILED FOR AUDIT.

**SELECT BOARD REPORT**-ROBERT ASELTINE, SELECTBOARD CHAIR

- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WAS POORLY ATTENDED
- ENTERING BUDGET SEASON- WORKING HARD ON THE NEW BUDGET
- EMPLOYEE HEALTH/BENEFIT STABILIZATION FUND ESTABLISHED SO THE TOWN WOULD NOT TO HAVE AN OVERRIDE EACH YEAR.
- WORKING ON HOW TO CONSOLIDATE AND STREAMLINE OPERATIONS FOR EFFICIENCY IN DELIVERING SERVICE—SUCH AS LESS PAPERWORK
- THEY HAD THEIR FIRST PAPERLESS SELECTBOARD MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT- THERE WOULD BE HARDCOPY ACCESS TO THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE COMPUTERS.
- ELEANOR QUESTIONED STEP INCREASES AND IF THEY WERE STILL BEING GIVEN. SHE FELT THAT THIS NEEDS TO CHANGE.
- QUESTIONS ON CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF THE SELECTBOARD –PROBLEM RESOLVED-THEY WILL BECOME PUBLIC.
- SELECTMAN ASSELTINE SAID THAT THEY HOLD OPEN FORUMS AT EACH MEETING THUS ALLOWING FOR DISCUSSIONS AND OPINIONS ON SPENDING ETC.
- ONLY TOWN EMPLOYEES USE TOWN VEHICLES.
- ROSE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF RECENT HAPPENINGS THAT SHE EXPERIENCED, THERE WERE TOO MANY LAYERS WITHIN THE TOWN-NOT RESULTING IN EFFICIENCY.

MARILYN TOOK THE FOLLOWING FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX:

- RECYCLE PLASTIC CUPS IN OVER 60 ROOM
- ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR WARM WATER EXERCISES
- TWO CARTS IN THE DINING ROOM ARE IN POOR CONDITION—SUGGEST TO FOLOCA TO REPLACE THEM

**GOLDTHWAITE FUND** WAS EXPLAINED BY JOHN CAREY—ESTABLISHED IN 1919 FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR—THEY SPEND NO MORE THAN WHAT THE FUND EARNS (APPROX \$600 ANNUALLY) HOW CAN THEY GAIN MORE MONEY? DIANE SUGGESTED ADVERTISING AND PRESS RELEASES

## **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

- ATTENDED MA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS ON AGING 2010 CONFERENCE AND GAINED GOOD INFORMATION ON VA CARE, SOCIAL NETWORKING, NEW DRIVING LAWS. FUNDRAISING, CONSTRUCTING A WALKWAY, AND TO USE SPONSORS FOR EVENTS.
- THE ADULT CENTER HOSTED A COMPLIMENTARY VETERAN'S LUNCH
- ANNUAL FLU CLINIC WAS HELD
- WORKING ON VOLUNTEER ABATEMENT PROGRAMS- 13 SLOTS FOR 100 HRS OF VOLUNTEERING FOR THE TOWN – PROPERTY ABATEMENT RECEIVED
- FOOD PANTRY - MATERNAL ASSOCIATION MADE A DONATION
- WORKING ON INFORMATIONAL FLYER FOR HOME MODIFICATION-THIS IS A ONE TIME OFFER AND IS INCOME BASED.
- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE AND DELIVER 45 BASKETS FOR MOWS CLIENTS
- FOLOCA LETTERS FOR DONATIONS WILL BE GOING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO STUFF ENVELOPES. DIANE'S BUSINESS WILL AUTOMATICALLY DO THE SEALING. DATES ARE DEC 2 AT 12:30 AND DEC 3 AT 10:00.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- IDEAS FROM SUGGESTION BOX WERE ALREADY GIVEN BY MARILYN
- SHE FEELS THAT THE GUIDE FOR OUR MEETINGS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO MORE OFTEN PROS AND CONS ARE WELCOMED
- JOE VOLUNTEERED TO GET IDEAS FROM ENFIELD COA
- BENEFACTORS=NOTHING
- GSSSI- ROSE SAID THAT THEY WERE FOCUSED ON SENIOR NEEDS AND TO HAVE PEOPLE REMAIN AT HOME WITH HELP WHEN POSSIBLE. ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 23 AT CHEZ JOSEF –SPEAKER ROBERT KENNEDY JR. ON THE FUTURE OF LONG TERM CARE.
- LEGISLATIVE-NOTHING
- LONGMEADOW-NOTHING
- NUTRITION—NOTHING
- OVER 60-WAYNE MCGARY SPEAKER
- TRANSPORTATION-VAN DOING WELL—MARY BETH SUGGESTED THE VAN BE USED TO TAKE PEOPLE TO TOWN MEETING WHO DOESN'T DRIVE AT NIGHT.

## **FOLOCA**

- DIANE REPORTED \$1500 MADE ON TAG SALE AND \$1100 MADE BY MAPLE TREE SHOP THUS FAR---MAILING IS COMING UP—ANYONE CAN COME TO FOLOCA MEETINGS TO PRESENT IDEAS TO BENEFIT SENIORS

## **BOOMERS – PROGRAM IDEAS:**

DIANE AND MARYBETH ARE WORKING ON INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH IDEAS LIKE MOTHER GOOSE WHERE OUR GRANDCHILDREN MIGHT COME IN WITH GRANDPARENTS ETC.

**OLD BUSINESS**-ELEANOR REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR SENIOR TAX BREAKS. A LETTER WILL BE WRITTEN ON THIS FROM THE COA BOARD AND WE WILL ALL ATTEND THE SELECTBOARD MEETING WHERE ELEANOR MIGHT SPEAK FOR THE GROUP ON THIS MATTER.

MEETING ADJOUNED AT 11:19 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY PATRICIA CAMEROTA-SUBSTITUTE FOR MARGARET JENKINS, SECRETARY.

