

## **MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING APRIL 6, 2015**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM in the Senior Center. This was a joint meeting with the Council on Aging. Present for Board of Selectmen were Mr. Smith, Mrs. Walter and Mr. Hevy.

Present for Council on Aging were: Mrs. Strandberg, Mr. Nealer, Mr. Lofgren, Mrs. Revene, Mrs. Hubacz, Ms. Waytina, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Martell.

### **I. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. Strandberg read the March 2015 COA Director's Report for the COA members. Mrs. Strandberg also announced the resignation of Carol Wheeler, and was looking for guidance in placing an ad to replace Mrs. Wheeler.

### **II. FY 15 COA BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr. Smith updated the COA members on the current status of the COA budget. The Town Accountant had alerted the Selectmen that the current spending was out of control and could be over budget. Mr. Smith outlined his version of some of the problems since he had been working closely with the Accountant and Mrs. Wheeler. Mr. Smith noted the following:

- We could be in deficit between \$4,000 to \$6,000 if the spending does not stop
- The meals account is approximately \$500 in deficit
- The Accountant has broken down the grants into specific line items
- We need to get a handle on the Hannaford purchases for the COA meals that happen 3 days per week
- We only have 3 months left to the year and want to try and keep the Senior Center running without having to shut anything down
- The Town Accountant broke down the bills the best she could and we should have more solid numbers in the next several days
- Mr. Smith did talk to Mr. Salsman, who stated that he is willing to rescind his resignation after Mrs. Wheeler's departure

The COA will talk to Tri-Valley about serving meals 5 days a week until we can re-evaluate the COA budget and determine the true cost per meal to serve food in-house.

The Board of Selectmen advised the COA that they would suggest finding an interim COA Director for the rest of the year, and hiring a new director for July 1<sup>st</sup>. COA stated that they will recommend an interim Director and have that person send a letter to the Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen are aware of 3 COA members that were looking to step down this year due to having other commitments. The Selectmen acknowledge their intent, and asked if they would reconsider and stay on until August 2015 so there could be a smooth transition, and the members could help with the selection of the new COA director. Two out of the three committed to stay, and one was on the fence due to other commitments.

There being no further business, at 5:30 PM, Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric M. Hevy  
Board of Selectmen Clerk