Present: J. Wey, S. McMahon, J. McRoberts, and E. Hayes

Absent: R. Hudson J. Garcia and A. Jellen

Public & Invited: Social Services Director B. Trott, and Commission Clerk, C. Branson and Incoming Clerk, L. Whitney

Call to Order: Chair J. Wey Called the Meeting to Order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

J. McRoberts Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of March 8, 2017 as written

Seconded by: E. Hayes

Vote: For : Unanimous

Senior Center Report:

B. Trott reported the new chairs have arrived, nine were funded by the Friends of the Senior Center and nine were funded by the Town. The Commission is invited to participate in the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea at the Senior Center which is scheduled for April 28th, 2017 from 2pm to 3pm. B. Trott reported that Suzette has been researching the cost to replace the copier at the Center. The FY 2017/18 Budget request to increase the hours for the Center Clerk were not fully supported, so beginning in July the Center plans to close at 12:30 pm. Mrs. Trott is actively seeking volunteers to participate in the Friendly Visitor program. The training date is yet to be determined, Mrs. Trott has reached out to Lorna Barrett to schedule dates. More details to come.

Old Business:

Senior Art Show:

Chair J. Wey stated the Senior Art Show flyer will be included in the next printing of the newsletter. The ad will be included this coming week in the Town Tribune. The contact phone number will be the Senior Center’s main number or the CoA’s email address. A notice will be sent to the artists that participated in the last show. The Commission will split the list from J. Jenner and call a few of the artists each. The Commission discussed places to distribute or post the Art Show flyers; the Senior Center, IGA, bank, Old Store, JCC, school, churches and Town Hall were decided. The requirements for submitting a piece for consideration will be that the artwork must be framed, and the artists supply hooks that are adequate for the weight of the work.
Final Approval of By-Laws and Mission Statement:

The Commission voted on the discussed changes to the By-Laws at the March 8th 2017 Regular Meeting. No changes were made to the Mission Statement. Amendments were made to the By-Laws. Chair J. Wey signed the amended the By-Laws and the Clerk will file them with the Town Clerk.

New Business:

The Commission discussed a general feeling of uncertainty and fear among Seniors regarding many of the discussed budget cuts on the State level for the proposed State Budget for FY 2017/18. The Commission discussed the possibility of reaching out to the Senator and State Representatives to come and speak at a forum. E. Hayes stated he will reach out to Senator McLaughlin to see if he may be available.

The next Meeting will be May 15th, 2017 at 6pm.

Adjournment:

Commissioner J. McRoberts Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Christine Branson, Commission Clerk
May 15, 2017