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TOWN OF CANTON
COMMISSION ON AGING
FEBRUARY 1, 2016

PRESENT: **Tom Chauvin, Mary Ann Christensen, Ken Daniels, Mary Lou Erardi, Michi Hesselbrock, Lori Kluessendorf, Dottie Murray, Georgia Pinton**

ATTENDEES: **Nicole Carrasquillo, Claire Cote**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ben Holden addressed the meeting re the importance of the need for the requested increase in the Dial-a-Ride hours in the budget as a quality of life issue. Hours needed are later in the day as well as Saturday/Sunday hours as certain activities are Saturday/Sunday only.

MINUTES

Minutes for the January 4, 2016, meeting were approved as presented

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion re need for "Senior Center" signage. – DPW has the tools – the need is lettering on building next to entrance as well as signs for parking direction
- Discussed Senior Center safety needs – updating the Safety Emergency Cards to meet any incidences in the center – passing out cards at lunches and other activities…..also the need for more (2) panic buttons
- Claire announced the Canton Main Street Volunteer Fair from 2-4pm on Saturday, 02/06/2016
- Claire announced that the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) training will be coming up in April.

OLD BUSINESS

- Celebration on 01/11/2016 for the new Dial-a-Ride bus was a success – the bus has capacity for 10 + 2 wheelchairs
- Reminder of budget talks at the BOS meeting on 02/09/2016 at 6pm
- Claire updated FVVNA talk with Nancy and need for details re the value of the flu clinic as there has been declining participation. Flu shots are now available in multiple locations, i.e. CVS, Walgreens, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, etc.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Nicole advised of programming & events including:

- Financial Planning Workshop-part 2 scheduled for 02/04/2016 – the Pioneer Financial Group to talk about tax, retirement & estate planning …..just show up
- Linda Smith (town clerk) will be stopping by at lunch 02/05/2016 to talk about the ballot option - Permanent Absentee Ballot
- Salt Free Cooking program scheduled for 02/08/2016 with new Shop Rite dietician, Nikki Derosa
- Wii Bowling Match Canton vs Prospect scheduled for next week
- Love Your Neighbor Day scheduled for 02/12/2016 a collaboration between Canton Senior Center & Avon Senior Center includes soup donation from B Good Village Café and Ben & Jerry's ice cream – no CRT lunch on this day
- Leap Year Luncheon scheduled for 02/29/2016 - $4 per person
- Spring Fling scheduled for 03/11/2016 in Avon
- LGBT Moveable Senior Center Project informational meeting scheduled for 02/25 at Newington Senior Center

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2016 @ 12 noon

The meeting started at 12:02pm and concluded at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Murray, Secretary