



## Commission on Senior Citizens

April 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

In attendance: Don Provost, Maryelen Wielock, Laura Chandler, Art Murelli, Donna Mullen and Tricia Twomey.

The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

**Public Comment:** No one was present but Tricia said that she had been hearing that people would like a trip to Savers then go to Applewoods for lunch.

**Financial Report:** Tricia reported that we are at 71% of the budget and it be at 100% by the end of the fiscal year.

She presented the Senior budget to the BOF which included an upgraded SUV for Dial-A-Ride. They seemed favorable but they also need to consider all the other department's needs.

She has also been in contact with the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) concerning a grant for a van. She explained who we are competing with to receive the grant and explained if we got it we wouldn't be awarded the money until the following year. The funds come from the state but Burlington would have to pay a certain percentage of the cost.

Don said the bus has 111,000 miles on it so a new one is greatly needed.

**Programs:** Donna said said it's difficult to get people to sign up for a luncheon and an activity so she will plan a luncheon one month and an activity the following month.

In June she has planned a tour of Elizabeth Park with lunch at the Pond House Cafe.

For the summer picnic she has secured a group called "Two Funny Ladies."

There is a problem with people signing up but then not showing up. She will contact other Senior Coordinators to see how they handle that.

There is a strict No Pet policy now in the Senior Housing due to on-going problems with dogs.

Tricia reported that the Girl Scout troop will have a fund-raiser to donate games and puzzles to the Senior Center. There is new shelving in the hallway that looks great and will keep everything organized nicely.

**Old Business:** The grant application will most likely be presented to the Community Fund Committee in May for our proposed projector and screen.

Art asked what has happened on the tax abatement issue. Tricia has asked Ellie on our behalf and is willing to pursue the matter with a letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler