

# Town of Burlington



## **Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

The meeting was called to order after a tour of The Evergreens was given by Donna Mullen.

In attendance: Al McGunnigle, Art Murelli, Jim Millerick, Robyn Chase, Maryelen Wielock, Lori Vallee, Laura Chandler, Donna Mullen and Tricia Twomey.

The minutes were read and approved with one correction. Donna Mullen's title is Administrator, not sales agent.

Public Comment: none

Senior Housing Discussion: Donna gave a brief history of The Evergreens. It is currently managed by the town for residents 62 years and older. There are 24 units and as of now 34 residents. There are income and health requirements.

There is plenty of land for expansion and the idea of having a permanent Senior Center there for the community has been brought forth.

Donna would like to see more storage space in each apartment and have each unit equipped with its own washer and dryer.

Financial Report: Tricia reported that the budget is in good shape at 45%. The Dial-A-Ride budget is at 52%.

Tax Abatement Discussion: Beth Paul continues to work on the tax abatement issue. We feel strongly that seniors who have lived in town deserve to have an

adjustment of some sort or a freeze on their taxes. Criteria to consider is the number of years of residency and age. Tricia reported that the cost of a freeze for anyone 65 plus would one million dollars.

Art asked if it was possible to have multiple options based on certain factors. The sub-committee will continue to explore the issue with Beth before making a recommendation.

Winter/Spring Programs: The Valentine luncheon was attended by 33 people. The Senior Fun Day with the Girl Scouts was a big success. Tricia and Donna are planning the first overnight trip to Washington, DC.

New Business: Maryelen wants information of secure lock boxes. Donna will give her some information regarding the best solutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler