

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting

May 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

In attendance: Jim Millerick, Laura Chandler, Lori Vallee, Diane Royko, Don Provost, Maryelen Wielock and Tricia Twomey.

The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.

Public Comment: None

<u>Senior Housing Discussion</u>: Tricia read Donna's report updating us on the project. Don commented that trees would grow fast and be a good screen for the smoke machine used in firemen training.

Ted is very interested in the commission being a part of this project.

The financial picture is very much in the forefront right now with different financing options being discussed.

<u>Financial Report:</u> The budget is at 82%. Tricia reported she will be right at 100% by the end of the fiscal year.

Tricia is submitting a budget asking for \$1,000 more for programs.

The BOF has decided to put \$20,000 extra in the budget each year to go towards a new 12 seater bus.

Tricia will know in October or November if the town gets a fully-funded grant for a bus. There are no partial grants. If we do receive the grant the \$20,000 will go back into the general fund.

<u>**Programs:**</u> Maryelen attended a very informative program for four towns on scams, fire safety, transportation and help-lines.

Donna Dognin will continue to alternate between Burlington and Harwinton with information for Veterans.

The Annual Summer Picnic will be August 8 at the Men's Club.

Senior Center Renovations: Due to the renovations in Town Hall the Senior Center will be closed off for 3 weeks in September.

The new computers won't go in until October.

Tax Abatement: The BOF will meet in June. The tax abatement issue is still undecided but very much a concern for us.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler