



Town of Burlington

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:05.

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

The minutes were read and approved.

Public Comment: none

Financial Report: Tricia reported that the budget was on target at 44% and at 84% for supplies.

Both vans have been in for service and have been repaired. The payroll for drivers is right on budget.

We previewed the budget for 2017-18. There were a few increases.

Tax Abatement Follow-up: Beth has attended the Board of Finance meetings and no questions have come back to Tricia about the proposal.

The BOF wants to have a clearer picture of the town budget before any decisions are made.

Winter Programs: The Craft and Chat group is going to meet without a leader. Tricia would like to add some more classes.

Jim said maybe we could good better attendance at programs if they were marketed to "adults" not "seniors." This could draw a younger population.



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He also asked if programs like wine-tastings or winery visits would attract new people.

The Senior Center renovation project is included in the Town Hall budget but is moving very slowly. New carpeting and paint would be great but we would also like to see improvements like computers and nicer window treatments. Tricia said they never got a report back from the people who came to do the town hall renovation plan.

Jim asked if the library expansion could include room for the Senior Center since the Town Hall desperately needs our space.

Emergency Management for Seniors - We will be signing people up for the Everbridge system at the February 17th potluck. Registration will involve an on-line set-up but once people are in the system they can choose to be notified by text or a land-line call.

New Business - Dial-A-Ride driver Al is out on medical leave. Don and Art have stepped up to help. Dennis also helps out when possible. A temporary driver would be ideal.

Tricia announced that Robyn Reilly has had to resign from the commission because her work schedule has changed. Robyn had a good pulse on the Senior community and will be missed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10. The next meeting will be February 15.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler.