



Senior Citizens Commission Meeting

September 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

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

The minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

Public Comment: None

Senior Housing Discussion: There is not a lot of update since our last meeting but Tricia reported that the core planning committee is still working diligently on the basic design, etc.. She reported that Donna feels there is definitely a need for additional units. We all agreed that the new units should include their own washer and dryers.

Financial Report: The budget is at 17%.

The town contracts an individual for HR work. He is reviewing the Senior Coordinator position so it remains a line item in the budget but the position is not being filled at this time.

Fall Programs: Due to the asbestos removal several programs have been moved to the library.

Breakfast with Friends will be October 23 and will be the inaugural program in the newly renovated center.

The Boo Bash will be on October 31st. A magician will entertain.

Tricia advocates for “one-shot” programs instead of on-going ones. She would like ideas of what people are interested in.

Senior Center Renovations: The center has been newly painted. New floors will be installed. Tricia is hoping the center will be ready by early October. She is hoping a white cover can go over the green board. New tables will be purchased.

There was discussion about the need for a couch and loveseat. Since the center is also used as the warming or cooling room during extreme weather it was determined a couch is very important.

Burlington Bell Grant - Tricia said the computers should be ordered so that they can be in place when the center is ready. Jim asked if we should go through the town's purchasing department. It was suggested we reach out to the Mills Club Coordinator to see about student volunteers helping seniors use the new equipment.

Jim would also like to find out from our IT professional what we need to accommodate the new computers.

Tax Abatement: The BOF will meet October 16. The abatement issue is on the agenda. Jim will meet with Beth in early October regarding new numbers. Tricia will review the documents we sent and send us an update.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Next meeting - October 16. Please note the time for that meeting will be at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler