



Town of Burlington

Commission on Senior Citizens

Minutes of Meeting

May 19, 2021

- **Call to Order**

Chairperson Murelli called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm

Members in Attendance: Lori Vallee, Maryelen Wielock, Don Provost, and Director of Senior Services Tricia Twomey

- **Minutes of March Meeting**

(Vallee/Provost/approved unanimously)

- **Public Comment**

Peter Chamalian gave a presentation regarding cell phone coverage dead zones, EMS, and life alert systems for seniors in Burlington. The commission discussed the topic. The Commission will look into have a presentation for the seniors about their options with boosters, phones, life alerts, etc.

- **Financial Report**

Currently at 47% of budget.

- **Senior Housing: Donna Mullen**

Donna Mullen reviewed all the work that has been completed to date for the future build of more senior housing at Thompson Way. Currently due to the inflated price of construction, it would not be possible to build more housing and have the rents be affordable for seniors. We need to continue the discussion as much as we can about more senior housing in town. The Commission agreed and will be a supporting partner in this cause as we move forward.

- **Spring Programs**

Director Twomey reviewed upcoming spring programs.

- **Tax Abatement**

Maryelen and Art have volunteered to work on the final presentation for the Senior Tax Abatement discussion. Chairperson Murelli spoke with First Selectmen Shafer about when the commission the BOS wanted a presentation. Shafer will contact Chairperson Murelli when the time comes.

- **Any Other Business**

We can meet in person at our next meeting! Please look for more information on our next agenda.

- **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn (Provost/Wielock), approved unanimously, 5:24 pm

Respectfully submitted, Tricia Twomey