



Town of Burlington

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order after at 4:05.

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

We had two students from Lewis Mills who wanted to observe a commission meeting. Al welcomed Jake Semraw and Nicole LeMay.

The minutes were read and approved.

Public Comment: none

Financial Report: Tricia reported that the budget is in good shape at 77% The Dial-A-Ride driver's salaries are at 82%. Money was used for cleaning the carpet in the Senior Center.

Tax Abatement Discussion: working with Beth Paul the sub-committee has come up with three different plans. There was much discussion regarding what criteria should be met to qualify for a tax freeze. Number of years as a resident? Age? Income? What impact would it have on the town?

The current abatement is based on income and 85 residents qualify for it.

It was concluded that it is our responsibility to present all three plans to the BOS in a timely manner and they will decide which is best for the seniors and for the town.



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Summer Programs: Without the use of the Senior Center the programs have not been well attended. The planned day trip and the trip to D.C. may have to be cancelled.

A discussion followed about finding an acceptable place where we could hold meetings, luncheons, fitness classes, etc. We need space with a kitchen and sewerage rooms for different activities. No one room can be multi-purpose so it's important to explore more options.

New Business: Maryelen asked if Tricia could get a designated handicapped parking spot right in front of the back door entrance. It is needed.

Tricia has expanded the newsletter to include more town news. Hopefully it will be appreciated and informative to the recipients.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler