

Senior Center Board Minutes – January 13, 2022

*Present: Doug Field, Franklin Wickland, Janice Wright (Ashfield); Ellen Eller, Anthony Jewell, Joanne Soroka (Buckland); Nancy E. Brewer, Sylvia Smith, Penny Spearance (Shelburne); Amanda Joao (Director).*

Chair Doug Field called the meeting to order at 3:00. Penny Spearance moved to accept the December minutes as corrected; Joanne Soroka seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Director Amanda Joao reported there was nothing irregular with regard to expenses. The building was inspected. She mentioned a few proposals: the need for new software and the plan to provide COVID test kits and N95 masks at the Center. She said Outreach is still very busy; the Center has posted for a van driver and expects to interview candidates next month; and budget meetings with town select boards are coming up. She also said that because of swimming pool construction, we will have very limited access to the Buckland Recreation Area pavilion for meetings and programs next summer.

Expansion Committee Chair Sylvia Smith reported that there has been progress. The Working Group has updated some language in the District proposal and now it goes for legal review; they want authorization to get an independent attorney for that review. The understanding is that all three towns will approve the same version and that document will go to the State Legislature. Then the select boards will vote to disband the Consortium, establish the Senior Services District and appoint the Managers. The proposed District document is on all three towns' websites and on the Center's website and will be presented at Annual Town Meetings this spring.

Doug Field reported that the Ashfield COA met and submitted its request for \$1200. Although their meeting venues have been restricted by the Board of Health due to COVID concerns they can still use the town park.

In her SCF report, Nancy Brewer said the Foundation has \$263,500.85 in its account, which is \$21,000 more than last year. The Fall campaign brought in \$16,349. The SCF board voted to take the potential rental of Sue Samoriski's house off the table. They authorized money for Amanda to buy masks and test kits for the Center

The board discussed the proposed FY23 budget. Franklin Wickland moved to approve the budget with amendments. Penny Spearance seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 10, at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Eller