

## Senior Center Expansion Committee Minutes

**6-27-19**

Meeting CTO 6:03

Present- Doug Field, Sylvia Smith, Mike McCusker, Matt Marchese, Ann Yuryan, Cathy Buntin, Joanne Soroka

Guests-

Lynne Kelsey, Richard Feury, Mark Vandale

Public Comments:

New location of arms building discussed, objections from public presented.

Questions about Mason's building- the audience was made aware it would come up on the agenda during the meeting.

Secretary's report- joanne- Matt clears up question about Shelburne's contribution in regards to hiring a project manager. Monies from towns can be used for the Expansion committees needs at their discretion.

Minuted are approved as amended. Mike M/ Doug

Treasurers report- Cathy

Working on budget. Fiscal year is ending, there are a few bills to add prior to new fiscal year, these amounts have been "encumbered" and will not change the balance.

Matt spoke to how outstanding bills fit into year end reconciliation.

Ownership- Penny not present, and committee has not met since last expansion meeting.

The committee is looking at different structures of municipal ownership's.

Discussion about other joint ownership examples.

Guest speaker, Emmett S.- Program Director Executive office of Elder Affairs.

Discussion about: Things that have been realized during his service:

Think about where we want to be in 10 years, or 40 years?

Every single Senior Center is too small.

Why do people use Senior Centers?

Be flexible with space and energy.

Acoustics matter

Centers encourage people to move, and explore new things.

Everyone has a story, what do we want ours to be? It matters to the community.

While we can't do everything, offerings inspire people.

In Emmett's opinion, food and kitchen are the most important feature.

Conversation about population, growth and needs.\_see attached population chart.

Conversation about our needs, Human decency first, not programming. Currently with one bathroom, and no privacy we cannot provide these.

Discussion about size and needs.

Emmett's info on population:

Population not decreasing until 2050.(AARP). Based on this-  
in 2010- there are potentially 8 caregivers available pp

2030-4 potential caregivers

2050- 2.9 caregivers

New population is declining, and kids move out of the area for many reasons (no cable, no transportation, jobs, can't afford to live here.)

Currently 50% of the towns property taxes come from seniors, COA'S get 2/10 of 1% of property tax. Most goes to the schools.

Funding/Budgeting-Not met.

Working on preparing for capitol campaign. Preliminary community outreach begun.

State Funding- They are still meeting, hoping to get budget to Governor and get funding from the executive office.

Project Manager update- Cathy

Cathy is working with Terry. If monies come through, PM will be a contract employee under Shelburne. We are surveying salary ranges for the position.

PR- Ellen

Not met. Nothing to report at this time.

Design- Mike

JWA will draw preliminary schematic for the lot at the corner of Maple and Church st.

We will consider 2 story, 3 story and underground options. Considering what is the least obtrusive to the neighborhood.

The board is investigating what would be architecturally compatible.

Going forward the design committee will investigate warming center, back up generator, and parking.

Site- Sylvia

Sylvia addresses audience in regards to Executive session. Because there was a formal proposal from the Masons, we have to handle it this way.

Matt-We need to keep confidentiality around this proposal at this time.

Discussion about Cowell location. This site has many complications. We will ask the rec committee for a meeting.

We are looking into stake holders feedback, and will be meeting with selectboards, who have "homework" assignments about the project.

Foundation update-Mike

We have work to do to be prepared for what we need to do. Philanthropic Resources is designing a plan for the campaign.

We all have homework to be ready for the Sept 11 meeting.

Public comment

questions about larger site, Why not Mohawk?

questions about PM, job description, time line etc.

Mention of Colrain, and their interest or lack of in joining at a later date.

Upcoming meetings-

Expansion, July 25

Ownership July 8 2:30 SC

Funding/budget- TBD

PR-TBD

Site 7-16 3:30

Design- 7-19 9 am SC

adjourned 7:50

Respectfully submitted

Joanne Soroka

secretary