West County Senior Services District Board of Managers Meeting January 18, 2024 - 3:00 p.m. - Senior Center in Shelburne

Board of Managers (BOM) members: Present – Sylvia Smith, Shelburne Council on Aging (COA) representative; Janice Fleuriel, Buckland COA representative; Christine Baronas, Shelburne

Senior Center Consortium (Consortium) members present: Juli Moreno, Senior Center Director; Mary Mosley, Ashfield COA; Penny Spearance, Shelburne COA

Public Attendee(s): Barry Del Castilho, Buckland; Regina Purinton, Buckland

1. Convene meeting

Sylvia convened the meeting at 3:05.

2. Introduction of Board of Managers appointees.

Sylvia, Janice, and Christine introduced themselves to the group.

3. Discussion: the West County Senior Services District (District)

a. Overview of current District status

Sylvia provided an update. Governor Baker signed the District legislation shortly before his term ended. The BOM can now be fully staffed and work on creating a Transition Plan.

b. Update of Board membership

Buckland still needs a non-COA representative; Ashfield still needs both a COA representative and a non-COA representative. The BOM has the word "Managers" in its name to avoid confusion with the current Board of Directors; Managers' roles will be similar to the current Directors' roles. The COAs will still be active in each town, and their roles in the district will be further defined as the process continues.

c. Plan to elect officers

Sylvia suggested appointing a pro-tem convener and a pro-tem note-taker. Sylvia offered to be convener; the group approved. Janice offered to be note-taker; the group approved.

d. Plan and proposal to develop the Transition Plan

Sylvia provided information on the current administrative services provided by the Town of Shelburne for the Senior Center Consortium (Consortium). The group discussed how detailed a Transition Plan should get at this point. It was agreed that the BOM can continue to meet keeping the current Consortium financial structures in place through FY 25, with the goal of presenting a Transition Plan and FY26 budget during FY25.

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Action steps:

- Sylvia will contact Bob Dean at FRCOG to invite him to the next BOM meeting to discuss possible FRCOG assistance with the Transition Plan.
- Sylvia and Juli will check on the status of future site possibilities with Mohawk Trail Regional School and Mary Lyon Foundation.
- Juli will reach out to current funders to discuss whether the change to a municipal district will affect funding eligibility.
- Juli will reach out to the town administrator for each Consortium Town (Ashfield, Buckland, and Shelburne) regarding help with a Transition Plan after the close of FY24.
- Barry will review and compare the personnel policies of the 3 Consortium towns.

e. FY 25 fiscal components - local and state funding requests

Syliva will draft a request to the state legislature for \$100,000 for expansion planning and research.

4. Public Comment

Regina Purinton expressed an interest in joining the BOM, and will attend the next meeting. She and Christine Baronas may also attend the Senior Center Board of Directors meetings to gain a sense of what the BOM meetings will be like.

- 5. Next meeting Thursday, February 15, 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- **6.** Adjourn The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, (much) 2 (15) 2024

Janice Fleuriel

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