

Senior Center Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Colchester Town Hall, Contois Meeting Room 3

MINUTES

Members Present: Rosemary Coyle, Chair (BoS), Stan Soby (BoS), Andreas Bisbikos (BoF), Tom Kane (BoF), Eleanor Phillips (CoA), Marge Mlodzinski (CoA)

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Art Shiloski, Randy Benson, Patty Watts

1. Called to order at 6:02 PM
2. There were no additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes of January 4, 2017 were accepted with no corrections. Moved by: Marge Mlodzinski, second by Andreas Bisbikos. Unanimous approval
4. A discussion of the Financial Projection occurred and several questions with regard to the best way to treat the anticipated expense of a new Senior Center will be presented to the Financial Advisor to the Town of Colchester for suggestions and options. No action taken.
5. The recommendation memo for the Board of Selectmen was discussed. An outline of the work done by this committee is to be forwarded to the BoS. Motion made by Marge Mlodzinski and seconded by Tom Kane. Unanimously approved.
6. Outreach to the community will take advantage of the Social Media outlets: Face book, email, First Selectman's email as well as the "RiverEast" publication.
7. This discussion was included in Item 6.
8. Next Meeting: The February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was cancelled.
  - i. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 in the Contois Meeting Room 3, Colchester Town Hall at 6:00 PM
9. Citizens' comments: None
10. Adjournment moved by Marge Mlodzinski, second by Andreas Bisbikos at 6:45 PM  
Unanimously approved.

*Eleanor Phillips*

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T. Phillips  
Chair  
Senior Center Subcommittee

To: First Selectman Art Shilosky  
Board of Selectmen

From: Senior Center Subcommittee (SRC) – Rosemary Coyle, Chair (BOS), Stan Soby (BOS), Tom Kane (BOF), Andreas Bisbikos (BOF), Eleanor Phillips (COA), Marge Mlodzinski (COA) – staffed by Patty Watts, Director of Senior Services

Date: January 18. 2017

Re: SRC Subcommittee proposed site selection for a future Senior Center per the charge by the BOS to the SRC Subcommittee – Lebanon Avenue, Map 22/Lot 49

After securing a location for the Senior Center to operate until a new Senior Center is built, the SRC Subcommittee began working on determining a future site of a new Senior Center. The following steps were taken:

- Develop a list of criteria to be considered in selecting a site which included the following: needs sewer and water, no environmental issues, parcel would be a minimum 1 to 1 ½ acres to allow green space, good topography, shape of land, where parking could be located, traffic patterns, possibility for expansion, no demolition, and should own and not lease.
- SRC Subcommittee enlisted the assistance of the Planning Department and we were assisted by Randy Benson, Town Planner, and Sal Tassone, Town Engineer. We also sought the assistance of Jim Paggioli, Public Works Director.
- Based on our criteria, the Planning Department gave the committee information on 12 sites in Colchester to review and consider.
- The committee narrowed the list down to four sites. Two of the four sites were eliminated because of inadequate frontage, traffic flow, grading, abatement, and lack of sewers or issues connecting to sewers.
- Of the two sites remaining, the one site being proposed, Lebanon Avenue, Map 22/Lot 49, was selected for the following reasons: it met the criteria established, has public sewer and water, parcel size would allow for green space and possible expansion, excellent frontage, good traffic pattern and flow (safety), level topography, would permit ample parking, adjoins current town campus, no demolition of an existing structure, reasonable acquisition costs, and projection of future population of seniors in Colchester.

In moving this proposal forward to the First Selectman and the Board of Selectman, the SRC subcommittee wishes to thank Patty Watts, Randy Benson, Sal Tassone, and Jim Paggioli for their guidance and expertise in helping us to determine a suitable site for a future Senior Center that will meet Colchester's needs now and into the future. We ask the BOS to move our recommendation forward to the Town.