

## SENIOR CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Colchester Town Hall, Room 1

Colchester, CT 06415

Members present: Rosemary Coyle, Andreas Bisbikos (BoF), Eleanor Phillips (CoA), Marge Mlodzinski (CoA)

Members Absent: Tom Kane (BoF)

Others present: Art Shiloski, Jim Paggioli, Randy Benson, Patty Watts

1. The September 21, 2016 meeting of the Senior Center Subcommittee was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Rosemary Coyle requested that we add a new Agenda item number 6 - "Questions raised at public forums" and the remaining agenda items be renumbered.
3. The minutes of the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and the following correction is being made. Jim Paggioli is not a member of this committee therefore his name should be removed. Following this correction, a motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Eleanor Phillips and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marge Mlodzinski. Unanimous approval as corrected.
4. The results of the referendum were reiterated.
5. A lengthy discussion of sites for the new Senior Center included information about several properties that have been suggested for consideration. The committee along with significant input from Randy Benson and Jim Paggioli proceeded to suggest a list of "must haves" on the any land sites for a new senior center to be built.
  - a. That the property should be owned by the town outright. No leased property.
  - b. The property must be on sewer and water lines
  - c. Financial implications based on the town's financial projections must be considered in determining maximum cost for the complete project.
  - d. No demolition or renovations Efficient size and appropriate shape of the property
  - e. Adequate space to allow for non-conflicting traffic flow and patterns.
  - f. No soil contamination or other environmental issues requiring remediation.
  - g. Topography able to accommodate such a project with adequate space for parking of vans etc. and member parking in relatively close proximity to the building
  - h. Land that allows for the possibility of expansion of the senior center if necessary.
  - i. Property should be at least 1.5 acres [within a 1 mile radius of the Town Green with some green space

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It was agreed that Randy will attend our next meeting. The plan is for him to bring a topographical map of the town that shows currently vacant properties.

6. Two questions were raised at all of the public forums that were held prior to the referendum to purchase the Norwich Ave property.
  - a. What will happen to the Veterans' meeting room?
  - b. How will the town use 95 Norwich Avenue property and the senior center building once the Senior Center moves to its new location?

The committee agrees that these are critical questions and answers should be developed by the Town as the project moves forward. will be forthcoming.

7. The committee plans on reviewing additional properties at the next meeting and work is ongoing to provide honest answers/recommendations to the two questions listed in #6.
8. Future meetings are scheduled for: Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm.
9. There were no citizens comments
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

*Eleanor Phillips*