

Minutes for the Community Center Committee on March 1st, 2016

Meeting Called to order at 4:40pm

Attendance Taken: Marge Peterson, Tom Flaherty, Mary Harada, Susan Babbs, Theresa Woodbury, Jill Eichhost, Joel Grossman, Dick Cushing & Glenn Kemper

- 1.) Tom's report: St. John's Hall was toured by Theresa W., Mary H., Gail D (Chairperson of COA), Tom, & David Coopman. The building has many needs and is not appropriate for us at this point.
- 2.) Glenn talked about available land. We have the Dunn & Mullen properties for municipal use (see attached). Both lands are 35+ of acres. After much discussion the board agreed that the Mullen property is centrally located and would meet our needs the best.
- 3.) Discussion on existing buildings. Is there any out there that we could use? The Legion is out. The town hall we are going to run into the current issue (one big room, no partisan, kitchen, etc).
- 4.) Susan & Joel talked about other communities and their experiences citing Lincoln and Wayland. Both are currently going through the process now. Townsend built a joint library/ senior center which has created some problems. Trends are multiuse, flexibility, technology, community partners, accessible locations.
- 5.) Funding: Newburyport increased taxes (all but 500,000 was paid for by tax increases). Did some fundraising. No grants. Sub-committee has looked into grants that might be available.
- 6.) Talked about a mission statement and as a committee we will need one. If everyone can look into bring back a mission statement for the board.
- 7.) Talked briefly about budget for next year and going to town meeting. We are still looking at asking for a secretary for meetings as well as admin costs. Mary H. made a motion for \$10,000 for adminstartion costs. Susan 2nd the motion. Everyone was in favor.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is on March 29th @ 4:30-6:00pm