

Angelides, Marie x
Bergeron, Marybeth x
Burden, Patricia x
Cotz, Timothy
Hallahan, Phil x
Komaiszko, Jan x
Martin, Andy x
McKenna, Tim
Reiter, Ginger
Russell, Jim x
Stolar, Eleanor x
VanDerhoof, Fred x
Crane, Stephen
Squindo, Mike x
Leyden, Jim x

Adult Center Building Committee (ACBC) Meeting
May 4, 2017 7 p.m.
GREENWOOD ADULT CENTER – MAPLE RD.

1. Welcome
2. Residents Comments
3. Approval of minutes of 4/27
4. Discussion on warrant article
5. Discussion on Outreach into the community
6. New Business
7. Old Business

Also in attendance: Saul Finestone, Rose Morace, Jim and Julie Moulton, Marge Morgan, Theresa Yesu, Roy and Lorrain Thomas.

Chairperson Marybeth Bergeron called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She welcomed all present. In addition to the Longmeadow COA, the FOLOCA group has been invited for tonight's meeting. Residence Comments: Saul was encouraged by the recent Select Board meeting. Jim R reports that two members from FOLOCA commented that minutes from ACBC have not been posted. Marybeth will talk to Kathy Ingram about posting them.

One neighbor showed concern about the location of the building as well as the future of day care and the status of the present building. Marybeth said there were a number of ideas but the need for an architect was necessary. Our hope is to secure design money from the warrant proposal at town meeting on May 10. Subsequently it is planned to get all interested parties together to consolidate all ideas. In response to the inquiry, she did briefly review the 3 year process to date noting that after examining all possible available sites, Bliss Park was chosen but voted down by the town. Bliss was not protected under Article 97 but the town did not want the center there. Also, the Dietz report that the existing walls do not support a second floor. It is not certain how the present building will be used but it was noted that summer camp still needs 6 rooms. Jim reminded us that rehabbing the building would cost more than building a free standing facility. Other inquiries included status of Turner Park; great need for day care for new families; other properties available? Marybeth commented that "Not in my backyard," was always an obstacle.

Marybeth called for a motion to approve the meeting of April 27. Eleanor made the motion and Phil seconded the motion.

Marybeth turned the meeting over to Marie regarding process and procedure of the Select Board. She commented that the Select Board understands the notion that "stand alone" simply means primarily an adult center for adults. The

finance committee did not approve the article because “seniors do not want it;” there was a need to come together; and the amount of money was an issue. Also, the changing the warrant to satisfy the finance committee was not appropriate. Marie crafted a proposal for an adult center and the warrant which she will read at town meeting is attached. Marie will speak to the process. An energy efficient building will require specialized design and planning and at a larger cost. Town manager is on the same page as we move forward.

Phil led a discussion re: the free standing nomenclature and the meeting with the finance committee prior to town meeting. 1. Free standing 2.meeting before and to speak to them before town meeting. Marybeth reports that she had a meeting with Maury. We can still meet with them. After consideration they will hopefully recommend it.

Fred reports meeting with John Furman of DHB in response to Phil’s previous meeting with the firm. They are presently involved with two projects: South Hadley and Hadley. Ten Percent of the total project cost is the usual architectural fee.

The neighbor inquired if Greenwood Park is the final location? Yes. Marie reports that had to move forward even though it is a difficult piece of land. As to long range expenditures, Marie reports there are three building projects: DPW, Senior Center and Middle School in that order.

Jim R. commented that for 3 years, we turned the town upside down. Bliss Park would have been good to upgrade the park but the town wanted Greenwood Center.

Phil read Article 31. Discussion followed to the reduction of amount requested from \$250K to \$200K.

Marybeth called for a motion to rescind the number of \$200K and stay with \$250K as it reads. Phil made the motion and Jim seconded. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Marie cautioned that if DPW fails that addressing emergency safety issues will

need this amount of money for safety purposes. If it blows up there could be changes. There are other needs at the DPW. There is only \$250K in free cash, not \$400K which is enterprise money and cannot be touched. Again, all possibilities must be considered.

Marybeth addressed marketing and distributed a flyer that has been designed. An effort to get our seniors out to vote and if warrant does not pass, we are facing a possible end. We need to cover Facebook and all social media, emails to everyone, copies distributed, signs reworked.

Phil suggested hosting an Open House at the center and using the electronic signs in town to announce. After some discussion it was decided to have Open House and guided tours at senior center on Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9 from 3-5 PM. Marie suggested the possibility of an open house when the facility is not open. Eleanor will give out flyers at the entrance tomorrow.

Flyers will be distributed at Glenmeadow and Emerson. Flyers can be distributed at town meeting if respecting the distance regulation. Music and amplification are a plus. Theme song should be chosen. Jim L. will call town manager about electronic signage.

Julia M. stated that we should remind seniors to call the center for transportation.

Jim R. again offered the use of his office for a phone-a-thon with 10 available phone stations.

Jim and Julie Moulton will make copies of the flyers as well strip signs to cover wording for lawn signs. They will be placed strategically on town lawns Tuesday and Wednesday. Jim will notify Rotary and ask them to call ten of their friends.

Marybeth reported that Michael Clark, ____Horowicz, Saul Finestone, and she will be the speakers. It was suggested that Marcia Harbison and Betsy be asked to speak. Marie suggested that speakers should not repeat comments. Keeping it simple with some statistics, few slides with a positive approach from the presenters?

New business? Old business?

Marybeth referred to two articles: *Reminder* and *Longmeadow News* with Marie's statement.

Marie says she will speak right after article is read and will propose the article. Three slides would be appropriate, only main points.

Andy reminded all that the town wanted it here and so we are doing it. We have consensus. "Age together or alone"... "Cheap to Keep."

Marie encouraged us to be positive, come together. No disputable statistics.

Jim R says don't give them anything to debate. Size and other aspects not at this meeting. Stay united

Marybeth called for a motion to adjourn. Eleanor made the motion and Jim seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Burden, Secretary
May 5, 2017