

Council on Aging Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

231 Maple Road Longmeadow, MA 01106

Present: Executive Director Jim Leyden, Chair Julie Moulton, Vice Chair George Shea, Secretary Ellie Tyson, Marybeth Bergeron, Saul Finestone, Marilyn Hurst, Phil Hallahan, Marge Morgan, Fran Miffitt, Rose Morace, Judy Yaffe, Theresa Yesu.

Absent: John Bowen, Jay Leib, Eleanor Stolar, Select Board Marie Angelides

Guests: Steven Kennedy

I Welcome: Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. A discussion on our meetings going on and on. How can we shorten these meetings but still include all of the agenda? George stated prior to the last meeting he had a discussion with another member regarding the by-laws and Roberts Rule. He wants people to feel free to express themselves at our meetings. Marilyn stated that people do have other commitments and perhaps we should limit each person speaking to 5 minutes. If an organization wishes to change the rules a vote must be taken.

III. Reports:

a. Select board: Marie was not available.

b. States Representative office: Robin not available.

g. Building Committee: Marybeth asked to speak for the building committee early as she had to leave. The building committee met last night, October 3rd. At issue was the DPW transferring hazard material to Ohio at a cost of \$2,000,000. The construction is halted due to the asbestos problem. A bill was submitted to stock pile on the site so they could continue the project. At the building committee John Catlin was present as well as our design team of Jim Moulton, Jim Leyden, and Marybeth Bergeron. A discussion of putting the outside basketball court back into the original design. Phil wondered what was told at the town meeting in order to get the funds for the new center. The square footage of the center was to be 21,462 square feet, while asking for 14 million dollars. Our selling point was the walking track around the gym. The gym would be for the pickle ball group but will also be a multi task gym. Saul noted that bleachers should be included in the plans to prevent children running into the walls. Rose said that we need this project to run smoothly. Marybeth said a site survey will be done soon. They will be checking under the tennis courts to ascertain if anything is underneath. Phil wanted to get rid of the name "gym" and call it a multipurpose area. Judy noted that we need the track if we have to cut space, cut somewhere else. We should check with OT and PT who could give information on programs for the center. Phil said the access to the patio is not good. You have to go thru the library. Jim noted that the idea of being able to use the walking track throughout the year, makes our center ahead of others. We need to scale back on certain things, but not the walking track. George wondered how we lost the shop in the new building. We do not seem to have any say in this process. Marybeth noted that if FOLOCA wanted to pay for the square foot to allow for the gift shop it would be in the new center. Steven Kennedy questioned the building committee making changes in the design put before the town meeting. He noted that people enjoyed going to the shop. Ellie wondered if the shop could stay where it is now. Phil: Motion to put the shop back into the plans for the new center. The vote was 8 for and 4

against. Marybeth noted that most senior centers do not have a gift shop. FOLOCA is a company not paying rent to the town of Longmeadow. Judy noted that we are lucky to have the shop; the JCC pays rent for their store. Jim said the gift shop is the way FOLOCA gives us funds for many of our programs. A move to end the discussion of the building committee was approved with a unanimous vote.

II. Approval of Minutes: A change on visitors- Richard Foster is on the Select Board not the FOLOCA board. The September minutes were then approved.

c. Director's report: We need to have our meeting end at 11:00. George noted it was a good idea to change the ending time and also to move the starting time to 9:00 a.m. instead of 9:30. A motion was made and seconded. It was unanimous in changing the time.

e. FOLOCA: Marilyn stated the FOLOCA meeting was next week. Julie noted that there was no discussion on the bylaws at the select board meeting. She will follow up on this.

f. GSSSI: Fran is on the program committee there. Three organizations are to receive a \$5,000 grant. Fran was asked to speak about Longmeadow and why we are in need of a grant. Jim would like to establish a neighbor to neighbor organization to check on people isolated from the community.

h. Program Committee: Theresa had information on the Octoberfest held at the Delaney store in the Longmeadow shops. It is not a fund raiser for the new building.

i. Advocacy: We have a new box by the check in. One note for FOLOCA.

IV. New Business:

a. Program Coordinator Position: Elaine is moving to Florida and it will be a loss to the center. Jim has added one more hour to the job, 19 hours per week. A full time person is needed. Jim hopes to have someone in place in a month. He will be interim coordinator until then. Theresa- If we have a guest, we need to limit their time to speak of there agenda. Should we actually allow a guest to speak?

A question as to whether we need a meeting on the 18th of this month. It was decided not to have another meeting until November 15th

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectively submitted

Ellie Tyson, Secretary