

Senior Center Needs Assessment Committee
August 9, 2012

PRESENT: Maureen Dilg, Cara Groman, Jack Walsh

Meeting was called to order to 2:30 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the amended June 28, 2012 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Senior Center Survey

Senior center surveys from 4 towns were reviewed. Based on the low response rate these towns received, it was decided to take another approach. Approximately 40 Dover residents currently use the Medfield Senior Center facilities. These residents will be surveyed. They will be asked to respond as to why they use those facilities, the activities in which they participate and their recommendations for a Dover Senior Center.

Senior Center "Coffees"

It was decided to begin holding Senior Center Coffees in the fall. The actual details will be firmed up at our next meeting. Maureen Dilg questioned if this activity falls under the mandate of the Needs Assessment Committee. It was decided that it does not; but until we have another committee in place, we will continue with this activity.

Senior Email Addresses

Using the list of seniors obtained from the Town Clerk, Cara Groman will begin obtaining telephone numbers. Beginning in September, all these seniors will be called, given an explanation of why we need their email addresses and asked if they would be willing to provide us with them.

Senior Demographics

Based on the information provided by the Town Clerk, it was determined that in 2012 there are 3,780 registered voters of which 1,249 are seniors. Therefore, the percentage of voters who are seniors is 33%. Total senior population for the next five years is:

2013	1,433
2014	1,519
2015	1,628
2016	1,759
2017	1,861

In five years, the percentage of voters who are seniors will be approaching 50%.

New Business

Jack Walsh has requested a meeting with Dave Ramsay to discuss the steps needed to be taken in order to bring a proposal to build a Senior Center to Town Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the lower conference room. A motion to adjourn was made by Jack Walsh at 3:45 p.m. and seconded by Cara Groman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Dilg