

**Senior Center Needs Assessment Committee**  
**October 25, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureen Dilg, Cara Groman, Jack Walsh  
GUEST: Giles Dilg

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Meeting was called to order to 9:35 a.m.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 11, 2012 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Center Survey Results**

Maureen Dilg reported that of the 40 Senior Center Surveys sent to residents who use the Medfield Center facilities, 21 have been received which is above a 50% return rate. The committee reviewed the results received. As reported at our last meeting, a large number of respondents indicated they would participate in exercise classes and would like an area for socialization. They also indicated they would like an area for computers and a library. Several suggested the Senior Center to open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nearly all indicated they would participate if more classes were offered as well as having other family members attend.

**Senior Email Addresses**

Cara Groman reported the list containing telephone numbers of Dover residents over the age of 60 has been finalized. At our next COA Board meeting, we will begin asking our members as well as others to begin making telephone calls to the seniors in Dover. A script was discussed for our telephone callers to use when they contact seniors. The Police Department will be provided with the names of all the callers. An email signup sheet will be available at the COA's upcoming luncheons.

**Architect's Feasibility Study/Warrant Committee**

The COA Board will be asked to vote at their next meeting to ask the Warrant Committee for \$12,000 - \$15,000 for a Senior Center feasibility study and a 2016 capital budget item of \$2,800,000 to build a Senior Center.

**Heard Property Survey**

The Norfolk County Engineer's office will survey the Heard property in December. This task should take approximately 2 days to accomplish.

## **Publicity**

The second article in a series of articles on the need in Dover for a senior center will be submitted for inclusion in the December COA newsletter as well as submitted to local newspapers. It was noted the difficulty of Dover organizations to have their articles appear in the Dover-Sherborn Hometown Weekly.

## **Senior Center Coffees**

Our list of seniors will be broken down into neighborhoods and COA Board members as well as others will be asked to begin hosting Senior Center Coffees.

## **Potential Senior Center Locations within Dover**

Both Springdale Crossing and the Whiting Road properties were discussed. Due to the small footprint at Springdale Crossing (.18 acre) and the potential of a bike path being built, it was decided not to look any further into this site. The Whiting Road site is also small (.25 acre), lacks adequate parking space and has other foreseeable potential problems. This site will also not be considered.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Natick Community Center Plan**

Maureen Dilg distributed the Natick Community Center plan for review. The committee will make arrangements to tour the site.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside room. A motion to adjourn was made by Jack Walsh at 10:25 a.m. and seconded by Cara Groman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Dilg