

Senior Center Needs Assessment Committee
October 11, 2012

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

Meeting was called to order to 10:05 a.m.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 25, 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, 17 have been received and more are arriving daily. The committee reviewed the results currently received. It was noted the majority of respondents indicated they would participate in exercise classes and would like an area for socialization. Two respondents indicated they do not want a senior center to be built in Dover.

Senior Center "Coffees"

This item remains on "hold" until our list of names and telephone numbers is finalized. It is anticipated that we will be able to sort our list by neighborhoods which will allow us to better be able to contact our neighbors and friends.

Senior Email Addresses

Cara Groman reported the list containing telephone numbers of Dover residents over the age of 60 has been given to Betty Hagen for her review and input. Betty will be contacted and asked to return the list to us by October 20. The list contains between 1,200 and 1,300 names but of these 750 to 800 are households. An email signup sheet will be provided at the COA's upcoming luncheons. This list will be under the control of the Council on Aging and will not be available to anyone else.

Architects' Recommendations

A senior center feasibility study has been provided to us for review. We have also received a senior center request for proposal for review.

Heard Property Survey

The Selectmen have agreed to request the Norfolk County Engineers to conduct a survey and title search of the Heard property which will be done at no cost to the town.

Publicity

The second article in a series of articles on the need in Dover for a senior center was distributed. Cara Groman will review and edit this article. The article will be submitted for inclusion in the December COA newsletter as well as submitted to local newspapers as well as the Dover Patch.

NEW BUSINESS

Warrant Committee

We will request Janet Claypoole to arrange a meeting between our committee and the COA's Warrant Committee representative to discuss what we wish to accomplish with our request for funding for a senior center feasibility study.

Potential Senior Center Locations within Dover

Maureen Dilg provided a list of the five potential sites within downtown Dover that are under review. This list included all the positive and negative aspects of each which have been under review. The following sites were discussed: Caryl Community Center, Heard property, Whiting Road property, Springdale Crossing and Dover Library. This list will continue to be revised as we receive more information regarding each site. Our goal is to be in a position where we have a preferred site with all the data necessary to ask the Warrant Committee for funds to perform a feasibility study.

Matthew Schmid requested a meeting with the committee to discuss his concept for a senior center building annex at the Dover Library. Maureen Dilg, Cara Groman and Giles Dilg met with Matthew Schmid and Betty Hagen at the Dover Library. Matthew Schmid outlined his proposal and walked us through his concept. All the information was given to Jack Walsh at our meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 9:30 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