

Notes from the Aug 22, 2023 Hybrid Senior Center Community Building Committee

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Phil Cieply COA member

In attendance were:

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| Mike Ammendola | Peg Nogueira |
| Alejna Brugos | Lawney Tinio |
| Phil Cieply | Jack Hunter |
| Mike Goddard | Amy Wilson-Kent |
| David Kurczy | Diane Howell – COA member (Visitor) |

It has been determined that all members have been sworn in by Town Clerk Ellen Agro.

Selectmen approved Mike Petrovick's architectural firm to complete the expansion at their Aug 16 meeting. Accounts need to be set up for receivables and payments. Mike Goddard will check with David, the Town Administrator to set up the necessary contract steps.

Site selection- the current location and 2 other parcels of land located on North Ave will be considered. The town currently owns 2 of these parcels including the current location. Chief Kurczy will look for the site engineering study for the parcel located at (#) North Ave as it was a site that was considered using for the police station.

Committee organization

Chairman- Phil Cieply

Vice Chairman- Dave Kurczy

Temporary Secretary- Peg Nogueira

52 Providence St Affordable housing project- Jack Hunter spoke about a potential developer for the affordable housing development. Although there were no bids last time, Jack feels confident that one will place a bid the next go around. A discussion was held as to the pro and cons of having the development abutting the current senior center.

Marketing and Public Awareness – It has been recommended and agreed upon that the townspeople be made aware of the need for an expanded senior center. It was recommended that we ask for volunteers to join a working group focused on communications. Having an active community presence and getting the message out will become a goal of the COA and the Friends of Mendon Seniors. Attendance and active participation in all town-wide activities is crucial. Venmo also needs to be utilized to capitalize on any potential donations.

Fundraising for the senior center equipment and necessities will be handled by a subcommittee . If the Town voters approve the money for the Senior center, an experienced Secretary will be hired to coordinate the meetings and sub-committees,

Regarding the other two properties on North Ave, a walk-through the properties is scheduled for Wednesday August 30th at 1pm. We will park at the Clough School.

Next Meeting- Tuesday Sept 5 at 6:30 at the Police Station.