

## **Meeting Notes Nov. 2, 2023**

In attendance – Phil Cieply, Mike Goddard, Alejna Brugos, Lawney Tinio, Tom Fichtner, Mike Amendolia, Mark Bucchino, Jack Hunter, Chief Kurczy, and Peg Nogueira

The Committee unanimously approved the secretary's minutes from Oct 22, 2023.

Mark Bucchino has been officially approved as a committee member.

Communications Update:

Both the Chili Cook-off and the Trunk or Treat were successful events for getting our message out.

A discussion was held to ensure a presence at the Nov. 5 town meeting of what the committee is focused on. Posters and pamphlets will be available for all residents to view and pick-up prior to the start of the meeting. The table will be manned by Phil Cieply, Diane Howell and Carol Kotros, all COA members.

Nov 10 – At the Veteran's Breakfast, which will be at the Senior Center, pamphlets will be available.

Nov 24 – Turkey Trot

Dec. 1 – Santa Parade. After receiving approval from Jane Lowell, we are hoping to be able to set up a small space in the Historical Building to have our literature available.

A suggestion was made to reach out to Karen Slattery Meade who is an administrator of the Mendon MA Bulletin Board. Peg will reach out to her to see if she has any interest in joining the committee.

If any members of the Committee have any other suggestions, please contact Tom or Peg.

Phil passed out the results of the traffic study for all 4 sites. This information will help the committee in its choice of locations.

In discussing the costs of the project, it was decided that we need to have some estimated costs and hopefully funding for such areas as ADA compliance (elevator, ADA accessible showers and bathrooms), “green community” and CPA eligibility areas. It was suggested that Kevin Redden, our Disability Commission person might be contacted. Ryan Fattman would also be contacted for possible funding of the ADA costs of the building. Mark B, Lawney T and Jack will check into funding opportunities.

It is hoped that by Jan 1, 2024, we have a full estimate for all the elements we need to look at. The committee needs to have it all pulled together by May 1 to bring it forward to the townspeople.

Jack H reported to the committee that he has contacted Guerriere and Halnon Engineering re: 52 Providence Street (the affordable housing project). He also reported that drilling in back of the current senior center did not yield the amount of water needed

for the potential water treatment facility the town was looking into . That would eliminate the 3<sup>rd</sup> project that was being looked at (near the senior center) along with the senior center expansion and the affordable housing.

Another discussion centered on the building design. We want to be able to “add onto it” in future years rather than later having to building a new one.

There was agreement among the members that we need to focus on our message to include “why we need it” (the expansion). Phil, Peg and Tom will plan on working on the brochure changes.

Phil went over the results of the individual spreadsheets submitted by all members. It appears that Morrison Dr will not be a feasible site due to its location and lack of a separate access route. The committee hopes to come to a decision next month and present the findings to the Selectboard.

Mark B gave the group his recommendation as to what the building would need to handle an Emergency Shelter Operation. Of course, it would depend on whether it was a local disaster or a regional one. He recommends that the center be able to accommodate 150 people who would need food, beds, water and bathing/restroom access. Those of us who have met with the architect feel that the proposed multi-purpose room would be large enough to handle the 150.

Phil is setting up weekly phone conversations/ zoom calls with the architect to let him know of the committees issue

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday Nov 14 at 6:30.  
The meeting place will be included in the agenda for that night.

Meeting Adjourned.

Peg Nogueira

Acting Secretary