

Meeting Notes Dec. 19, 2023

Phil called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee unanimously approved the secretary's minutes from Dec 4, 2023

In attendance – Phil Cieply, Mike Goddard, Alejna Brugos, Mike Amendolia, Mark Bucchino, Amy Wilson-Kent, Tom Fichtner, Karen Slattery Meade, Diane Howell, Lawney Tinio, Dave Kurczy, John Vandersluis (Volunteer) and Peg Nogueira

Guests included Mike Petrovick and John Ramsey from the Architectural firm.

Also introduced was Dottie Garceau, current President of the Friends of Mendon Elders (the fund raising “arm” of the Senior Center), incoming President (January 2024) Carolyn Wass and the current members of the Council on Aging: Earl Pearlman, Ann Vandersluis and Dona Son.

Mike P. and John R. passed out the proposed site plan for the Rte. 16/ North Ave parcel. They are looking to utilize 2.4 acres of the 20.96 acre parcel. They are proposing a 12, 800 sq. ft. building (2 floors of 6,400 sq. ft. per floor) which includes a walk out lower floor. Because the estimated cost is currently \$9.8 million, the committee is looking into cost reduction strategies, some of which include possibly reducing the size of the building and/or leaving the bottom floor unfinished.

The committee members and guests asked many questions which were answered by Mike and John.

Committee members received a “working document” handout from Phil designating members and volunteers to different work group subcommittees.

The committee realizes that we must clearly inform the townspeople “how the public could have access the building”, “how the seniors will actually use each room” and be sure the voters are aware of what use our current building holds for future town dept. occupancy .

The committee will look into various sources of energy to make the building energy efficient and a generator will be necessary as the Senior Community center will be the emergency center for the town.

Lawney T. plans to continue discussions with Senator Fattman as to possible sources of funding. Lawney suggested we keep all our state representatives notified of our progress and Phil plans to invite them to a meeting in the future.

Mike P. expects the professional estimate of costs in January.

Next meeting is Tuesday Jan 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the police station.

Meeting adjourned.

Peg Nogueira, Acting Secretary