



MAYNARD COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER AD-HOC COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting # 13-6

April 12, 2012

APPROVED

PRESENT	NAME	AFFILIATION	E- MAIL DISTRIBUTION
x	Jerry Culbert	Committee, Chair	✓
x	Dawn Capello	Committee	✓
x	Bill Freeman	Committee	✓
x	Joanne Sheehan	Committee	✓
x	Tom Papson	Committee	✓
x	Al Whitney	Committee	✓
x	Jack MacKeen	Committee	✓
x	Mary Brannelly	Committee	✓
x	Danielle Rocheleau	Committee	✓

Additional attendees (guests): **42 and Bruce Coulter from the Beacon Villager**

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PRESENT: Jerry Culbert, Chairperson, Dawn Capello, Bill Freeman, Joanne Sheehan, Tom Papson, Al Whitney, Jack MacKeen, Mary Brannelly, and Danielle Rocheleau.

Called to Order: Jerry Culbert called the meeting to order at 7 PM

Minutes: MOTION made by Dawn Capello to PASS the March 15, 2012 MINUTES and SECONDED by Tom Papson. PASSED 8 -0 with Bill Freeman Abstaining.

New Business: Jerry distributed handouts of pictures of rooms that could possibly be used for programs that had just been brought to the committee's attention. He explained that the committee would be negligent if they did not explore these possible options and address them in their report. At the previous 12 meetings needs and wants along with costs have been addressed mainly from the seniors. Recreation and Boys and Girls Club do not have the data of how many participants attend each activity. A list of recreational activities was provided, The seniors are divided into 2 groups that have six possible locations (clock tower, Powder Mill, Concord, Summer Hill, Congregational Church and Boys and Girls Club) to meet at but are seldom used. It was suggested that this potential 5,500 – 6,000 sq. ft. should provide for some program space as this committee studies the need for a Community Center. We need to openly discuss what we have, how it is utilized and how to use it better. Two issues are how to schedule these facilities and parking. A shuttle van with a nominal cost of approximately \$100,000 may be a temporary solution. After discussing the low response to a survey it was decided to rewrite the survey and mail it directly to all of the households in the community.

Program development should continue to demonstrate an interest in the Community Center.

The question was raised why are there two senior organizations; the Council on Aging and the Senior Citizen's Club. The Council on Aging has low attendance because of accessibility issues along with no restrooms. The Senior Citizen's Club has approximately 200 members with 100 active members. These organizations working together would demonstrate a stronger picture for one facility.

Recent information from a failed Community Center in Acton was shared by Dawn. Acton used the philosophy of "Build it and they will come" and was soundly defeated. We must pause and get everything in place to proceed to a future Town Meeting. A question was asked "**Which comes first Leadership or the Facility**"? The Town must address that question.

Adjournment: MOTION made by Jack MacKeen to ADJOURN at 8:45.