

TOWN OF MAYNARD
SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2024

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All remote meeting; Zoom only. (This public meeting was recorded.)

Present:

Jerry Culbert, Chair

Deb Roussell, Vice Chair

Paul Guthrie, interim clerk

Mark Koenig

Jack MacKeen

Mary Ann Bassett

Amy Loveless

Stephanie Duggan

Chris DiSilva (Select Board liason)

Linda Holt (FinComm liason)

Peg Brown (guest)

Absent:

Dan Shields, Mary Mitzcavitch,

1. Meeting opening

Jerry Culbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2. Acceptance of prior meeting minutes

Minutes from July 25, 2024; no proposed changes; Paul moved to accept the minutes, Mark seconded. Approved by vote, 7-0; Paul and Josh abstained from voting, as they were absent last meeting.

3. Working group reports and updates

Quad Board meeting: The Quad Board met on July 30 at the Fire Department. **Josh:** We definitely need additional information in order to get on the Town Meeting agenda, with more tweaking and specific data. Are we seeking long- or short-term financing, and is it our intent to do both, or just one? The Select Board's preference seems to be for us to pursue short-term goals, due to lower cost to the Town. There is support for our cause, but also concerns, especially about new tax burdens being imposed on the citizenry. Bleachers, Green Meadow, and the school system as a whole are at the top of the group's agenda. **Jack:** An override inescapably means a tax increase. An impressive number of people in town are in favor of and support our efforts, and the Town is aware of the current problems at the Golf Course facility; repair estimates stand at about \$1.8 million. This should be included in our package. **Linda:** A lot of conflicting demands and priorities are before the Town's governing bodies, and we may be pushed to the Spring Town Meeting for our case to be heard. **Amy:** The issue of safety was brought up at the QB meeting, as conditions at the Golf Club are becoming increasingly unsafe for seniors using the facility; this **must** be emphasized in our future requests.

Mill & Main visits: Buildings 8 and 9 were visited, along with a well-thought-of local contractor who gave good feasibility advice based on what he saw during this visit. **Linda:** Building 9 has great presence, but will need a large amount of fit-out work (lifts, ramps, bathrooms, and more). **Deb:** Building 9 presents many needs, too many truthfully; it might require 1.5 years to complete the fit-out. On the other hand, the space in Building 8 could be occupied now, as is; the contractor agrees. **Amy and Jack** both agree with this assessment. **Jack:** The Building 9 space is a “warren of small spaces;” the number of proposed users will affect ADA compliance; we will need to bring in an architect and engineer; the space in Building 6 is no longer available. **Josh:** We will need to extend the time of submission on our RFI by two weeks and get an updated quote on Building 8 from M&M. Plus, a short-term lease will sit better with the townfolk. **Jerry** will contact both Greg Johnson and M&M tomorrow (8/2/24).

Financing for Senior Center/MAYCal: The SCC is extending our item on the Select Board agenda; Chris will immediately transmit our ideas to the Board.

4. New Business and Public Comment: none

5. Next meeting and adjournment

Our next meetings will be on 8/15/24 (fully remote). Deb moved to adjourn, seconded by Paul; adjourned at 8:04 PM by unanimous vote.