



MAYNARD COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER AD-HOC COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES Meeting # 10-2 January 19, 2012

Approved

PRESENT	NAME	AFFILIATION	E- MAIL DISTRIBUTION
No	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	✓
No	Danielle Rocheleau	Committee	✓

Additional attendees (guests): **15**

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PRESENT: Dawn Capello, Vice Chairman; Bill Freeman, Joanne Sheehan, Tom Papson, Jack MacKeen, Al Whitney and Mary Brannelly.

Dawn Capello called the meeting to order at 7 PM

PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION made to PASS January 5, 2012 minutes by Tom Papson and
Seconded BY Al Whitney. PASSED 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Dawn introduced Selectmen Chairmen David Gavin to speak to the Committee and guests. Selectmen concerned about the direction and attitude he hears the project has taken on. He stressed that it is imperative to include all aspects of the community in coming to a solution. The committee's mission is to find a solution for the entire demographic. Discussion followed with some taking offense to his statement and other concerns that a larger facility will be cost prohibitive,

OPEN BUSINESS

Bill Freeman asked the Recreation Chairperson about the Recreation Departments present level of service with the closing of Memorial Gym, prior programs and what a new facility could offer. Peter Falzone, Recreation Chair with the lack of a gymnasium his children have to travel to other towns to participate in recreation programs. Presently they offer 2 programs one of which is skiing. He deferred to Wendy the Executive Director of the Assabet Valley Boys and Girls Club who said the present Boys and Girls Club is bursting at it seems. A new facility would allow for the opportunity to offer endless programs. They currently have a contract with the Recreation Commission to provide programs for the Town. The Boys and Girls Club Gym must be used only for the Boys and Girls Club afterschool activities from 2 – 6 PM. 80% of those participants live in Maynard mostly because of the lack of transportation and the proximity to the schools. A representative from Men's soccer spoke that they presently use the School gym on Monday evenings.

Dawn then reviewed the format of the Senior Center Expansion Report from Acton, January 2009. All were comfortable with that format and will begin writing. Jack MacKeen wanted the committee to pay attention to the challenges that were made to that report and be prepared to defend our report. For the record, there are several letters of support from residents of Maynard stating their desire to have a broad based community center. These letters are on file.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Bill to adjourn at 8:40 PM