

COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2019 at 9:15 AM

(Due to inclement weather, original meeting of January 31, 2019 was rescheduled to today)

Middleton Senior Center

Members Present: Barbara Tilton, Chairperson, Gerry Gove, Ellen Strobel, Leah Magnifico, Wendy Tirck,

Others Present: Susan Gannon, Executive Director
Starcia Melara, Recording Secretary

Absent: Kay Martinuk, Alice Tierney, Carol Carr, Dr. Joan Shea-Desmond,
Barbara Sanborn, Frank Leary

With a quorum present, Barbara Tilton called the meeting to order at **9:15 am**. _____ seconded,
_____ the motion.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Remarks and corrections for November 27, 2018 meeting minutes:

Make corrections per Barbara Tilton -

MOTION: Jerry Gove made the motion to approve the November 27, 2018 minutes;
Wendy Tirck seconds motion. Moved to approve minutes. All in favor.

Motion carries.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Budget Concerns-**
 - 2.5% COLA
 - No raise for Department Head position in 20 years
 - Most of budget level funded
 - Increasing costs not supported by Town funding
 - 70% of operating budget is municipally funded, 30% is via grants, donations, volunteers
 - Grants are diminishing and it becomes more difficult each year to keep up level of services

- **Wish list space for Senior Center** – Our goal is dedicated space for senior use only within bigger building. There will be shared spaces, however, we'd like to exclusively operate from 9am-9pm. Other suggestions for new space included:
 - Performing arts area – possible revenue from renting out
 - Social Daycare program – Medical daycare may not be feasible
 - Entrance accessibility for all
 - Partitions in larger rooms, so multiple programs can run at once
 - Separate driveway for seniors
 - C.O.A. administrative offices
 - Large commercial kitchen – possibly holding cooking classes
 - Gymnasium
 - Library- possibly with a fireplace – comfy chairs, no couches, bridge table, puzzles, etc.
 - Café or more intimate dining setting – possibly with fireplace
 - Movie theater area

- **Heart Homes** – Paul is coming to speak. For example: the organization buys a ranch with 4 bedrooms, everyone has private bed/bath but communal living room. House counselor available. This is affordable to the 4 people living there.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Google+ is shutting down
- Christmas dinner was great. Lunch bunch at 466 was very good.
- There will be a Special Town Meeting on March 19, 2019 held by Town Administrator, Andrew Sheehan. He will review the proposed purchase of Middleton Golf Course. All should attend in support. Sheehan will also be coming to our next meeting February 27, 2019. **Mr. Gove** suggests that people should be going to planning board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ellen Strobel moved to adjourn meeting at 10:41 a.m.; Barbara Tilton seconds. All in favor. **Motion carries**

Respectfully submitted,

Starcia Melara, Recording Secretary

Documents either distributed to the Board of Directors before the meeting in a packet or at the meeting:

1. Agenda: February 6, 2019 (original date of mtg was January 31, 2019)
2. Minutes: November 27, 2018
3. Director Report: February 6, 2019 (original date of mtg was January 31, 2019)
4. Operating Budget Report