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Multi-Purpose Senior Center

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Meeting opened at 10:10 AM

Present: Jeannette Tisdelle, Victoria Brownell, Bruce Wilbur, Charles Gray, Marion Rylands, Ruth Ferland.

Absent: Edward Medeiros

Secretary Report: Bruce Wilbur made a motion to accept, Marion Rylands seconded for minutes of January 8, 2018.

Treasurer Report: The board would like the following expenditures incorporated in town budget instead of grant; the following My Senior Center, Printing of Newsletter.

Old Business:

Handicap Accessible Door: Revisit in spring.

Walk in Refrigerator/Freezer: Re-visit in spring.

Security Camera: No quote has been given. Suggestion in past to buy from a store, Bruce Wilbur is not in favor of this, it should be done professionally. Bruce will look into another company to come give us a quote.

Girl/Boy Scout: Girl Scout-on going Boy Scouts have finished the project. It certainly has improved how the outside grounds look. Jeannette Tisdelle will compose a letter.

Conflict of Interest: Everyone has done the training.

Storage Unit: Bruce Wilbur is checking into this, although we will have to wait until spring.

Brown Bag Van: Unfortunately the SRTA van we have used for the last 7 years is no longer safe to drive. We rented a van from U-Haul in Lakeville to see if that would be appropriate for our needs. It was. We will look into setting up a corporate account with them so someone is not using their personal credit card once a month.

Review Americans Disability Act with animals: Animal Control Officer spoke to the Director about training. We will try to have one at the senior center. They will get back to us on this so we all can learn at the same time.

Computers on WIFI: On hold, looking at other options.

Election of Secretary: Barbara will continue at this time. Ruth Ferland suggested that the meeting be recorded.

New Business:

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FY 2019 Budget: Jeannette Tisdelle, Bruce Wilbur and Barbara Lafleur met with Town Administrator David Demanche and discussed the upcoming budget. It was discussed about putting an addition on the building, in the front. The senior population has grown and we are in need of more offices for private meetings to do paperwork etc. SHINE Counselors (Serving health insurance needs of everyone) AARP (tax preparers) Foot Doctor are just a few and we only have one room to schedule. The only other room that paperwork can be done privately in is the Directors office which is food stamp, fuel assistance, prescription advantage etc. Also mentioned was to put the meeting in the Newsletter so seniors are aware this is for them. An elevator will be included in the plans. We are in the process of trying to figure the layout of this. Old Colony will be considered. It was acknowledged of the different projects we are working on. Also spoke to David DeManche about filling the rented U-haul at the town barn before it is returned, otherwise it would be a separate slip for gas.

Massachusetts Council on Aging has proposed \$12.00 per elder based on the 2010 Federal Census. If Legislature passes, this it will be available on July 1, 2018.

The board would like these expenditures incorporated in town budget instead of grant; the following My Senior Center, Printing of Newsletter. Marion Rylands made a motion, Victoria Brownell seconded, motion passed.

Suggestion:

***The railing for the stairs should be installed soon.
Ruth Ferland questioned the electric bill being so high, would like to find out why.***

Respectfully submitted,

***Barbara Lafleur
Director***