



FREETOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

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Cheryl A. Tisdelle

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Meeting called to order at 10:50 AM

Roll Call: Jeannette Tisdelle, Marion Rylands, Alfred (Sonny) Barros, Bruce Wilbur, Robin Kendrick and Ruth Ferland, Selectmen George Grunwald and Barbara Place. Absent Victoria Brownell.

Discussion is for the addition that was voted and passed at the Annual Town Meeting June 2020. Bruce Wilbur spoke specifically about the addition.

Bruce has some rough drawings for the addition. The way the refrigerator/freezer took approximately 3 years to be completed, we do not want this to happen. We want everyone to be on the same page. The refrigerator unit cost more than it should have. We do have an exact breakdown on grants that were used from the Town Accountant. Town Accountant, Kim Fales sent an email on addition advising the protocol.

November 2017 is when the COA Board started talking about needing a refrigerator/freezer until installed. It was installed in June 2020. Grants were secured for this project, no cost to the town. Bruce Wilbur COA Treasurer was asked to sign invoices for this project. He refused. Jeannette Tisdelle, Chairman was asked, she refused. The COA Board had many meetings on this in the last two years. We want everyone involved to work together so this project can go smoothly.

Bruce Wilbur at the Annual Town Meeting gave specs on the Town Floor. A vote was taken and it passed June 2020. Bruce showed us some diagrams he held up and explained what would be proposed. George Grunwald suggested we get in touch with Old Colony Superintendent to inquire if students could help with this project.

Bruce suggested first floor have a room with a lot of windows, put tables and chairs so seniors could go sit in a sun room type atmosphere. It would be a great idea to hold our tea parties there too. We can think of many different activities/programs for the room. The second floor is 42 feet 7 ¾ inches long. There will be windows, hoping we can divide the room as necessary when

needed. Jeannette Tisdelle asked if we have an architect? Bruce said not at this time.

George Grunwald has been in favor of this addition. It was asked if George Grunwald be a liaison between Selectmen and COA Board? In our next newsletter we need to advertise these changes and ask feedback from Seniors in Town. Ask Seniors what they would like to see in new addition to building.

Bruce noted that the COA addition is on the Selectmen agenda in old business. We need an approval from the COA Board to go forward. We are hoping to start this in the Spring. We do have questions for Debbie Anderson on this. Some things to think about are, we will need to hire a foundation company, another to do the building. The Town hired two electricians that did the service and the hook up of the walk in unit. We are hoping to use independent contractors. An elevator might have to be installed. That would solve the problem for seniors that cannot use the stairs. They would not have to drive around in their vehicles to go from one floor to the next. We are hoping there are funds to do this. Bruce explained where it might go. We should look into some pricing for them. Ruth Ferland has address and phone numbers for elevators, it need to be for commercial building.

Before anything we need to address the electric upstairs. For years we have been unable to use some outlets and ceiling fan, as it sets off the fire alarm.

Bruce asked any questions about design of drawing? The COA Board said no. Inside would be finished with sheetrock. We would also like to have it hard wired for internet and use wireless downstairs.

Jeannette asked for a motion for Bruce's round draft, Ruth Ferland made the motion to accept and Sonny Barros seconded, all in favor motion passed.

Robin Kendrick asked if we had money left from the grants for windows and doors? Barbara answered that there was some grant money left and the Building Commissioner ordered doors for the back of the building.

Jeannette read that in the General Fund was \$20,268.25 Total left \$20,367.13

The minutes of April 21, 2020, June 9, 2020 and July 8, 2020 were approved, Marion Rylands made the motion to accept and Ruth Ferland seconded, all in favor motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara Place
Director*