

## **MINUTES**

March 28, 2017

Council on Aging Grounds Committee

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

**ATTENDANCE:** Martine Anderson, Gwen Frazier, Carol Hamilton, Bill Lyons, Chuck O Connor, Sarah Sullivan and Barbara Van Houten.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The September 7, 2016 were voted on. Bill made the motion to approve the minutes, Barbara seconds. Motion passes.

## **DISCUSSION:**

- A. Landscape Design –We met with Ground Effects and the designer Ann Sheridan. The committee had agreed previously that the new design should be easy to maintain, provide as much color as possible year round, and have continuity, consistency and be symmetrical throughout the garden beds. Gwen and Carol met with Ann Sheridan and walked the grounds. We then received a proposal for design services that is under consideration. Once the design plan is completed the committee will reconvene to review it.
- B. The “One Heart Many Hands” – The One Heart program will be held on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8-1:30. We need supervisors for the students. Barbara, Sarah, Martine, Chuck, and Bill will help out the day of the event. Carol will also see if Joe Hastry can come and Sarah will ask Barry Bartlett. Martine will ask Bob and Maureen Saunders if they can help. We also talked about materials needed. Chuck says we have some tarps in the shed along with plenty of rakes. Hopefully the students will bring gloves. Martine will bring her wheelbarrow and will coordinate with Chuck on other materials and tools. We expect the students to do some turning of our raised gardens, plant some greenery in the new planter below the sign; mulch, rake, sweep and provide general clean up. Carol will order a pile of mulch from DPW. The COA will also order the pizza once we know how many students we are expecting.
- C. Raised Gardens – The raised gardens program registration begins April 1, 2017 as per the Link. Interested participants can sign up at the COA front desk. Some participants would like to have a full bed. The COA received a cost estimate to construct four more raised gardens in the area. The cost was in the range of \$4400. We have not determined funding for this expense but there may be a business willing to sponsor the project. We could put a sign up as advertisement if that business decides to fund the project. The gardens will be turned for the participants by the students. However, the participants will be responsible for fertilizing their own garden. They will also sign an agreement regarding care, maintenance and clean-up of garden.
- D. Eagle Scout Project – The Eagle Scout project has been completed. There is now an attractive stone planter below the Senior Center sign. Two red benches were also added to create a seating area. We are very appreciative of the efforts of Kyle Rogers. Martine suggested boxwoods for the planter.
- E. Status of Outdoor Recreation Projects – We have a signed contract with Weston and Sampson to add parking, stairs and railings which is part of phase II. The construction planning phase will start after Youth Baseball finishes their season which will be around August 1. The COA plans to reapply to CPC for funding for the next phase of outdoor recreation project and will work on permitting questions in preparation for phase 3.
- F. Other Improvements –
  - 1) Trees - Mike Moran, Tree Expert on DPW has finished trimming trees along the side of the building. Many were taken out as they were encroaching on the property. Perhaps we can plant smaller shrubs along that same area for privacy in the future.

- 2) Outside Pots - Gwen has planted some greenery and artificial forsythias in the pots out front for the spring. Geraniums will then be planted around Memorial Day for the summer season.
- 3) Walk Path – The path needs to be trimmed, swept and raked. The garbage and litter has to be cleaned up too. There is a rainbow group looking for a project and we will discuss this with them once they contact us. The Sheriff's Department plans to paint the outside of the building starting in April. They will also wash windows and repair screens. They will come out next week to develop a supply list. This should not interfere with outside grounds work.
- 4) Shed – The shed needs to be reorganized and cleaned up. The outside should be washed and flowers could be planted in the boxes. Martine will plant some flowers in the boxes and will also provide Zinnias for the shed area. Judy Sansone, staff for the COA will plant some morning glories.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 8, 2017 @ 9:30 am.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Hamilton, Director  
Council on Aging