

MINUTES

May 10, 2018

Council on Aging Grounds Committee

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

ATTENDANCE: Martine Anderson, Barry Bartlett, Carol Hamilton and Barbara Van Houten.

ABSENT EXCUSED: Gwen Frazier and Sarah Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of April 12, 2018 were voted on. Barbara made the motion to approve the minutes, Barry seconds. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION:

One Heart Many Hands:

The "One Heart Many Hands" event with the High School seniors was on Friday, April 27, 2018. Martine and the committee were blown away with the size of the group that showed up for the "One Heart Event". The students were very productive and cooperative with the Grounds Committee. The group weeded, mulched, raked and removed the yard waste with tarps. The front beds look great with the new mulch. The Webster St. side of the property was also worked and a good portion of the leaves and debris were cleaned up. The publicity for the event was well covered in the Mariner and on Face Book. Barbara took pictures and sent them to Lynn for posting. There was not quite enough pizza as many more students than usual came to the Senior Center after their assignments.

Tasks Remaining:

Martine thanked Charlie Simpson for the preen and she was hoping to get him involved with the Grounds Committee. Charlie volunteered last season to work on the grounds and may help out this year. He usually tries to volunteer the same day he works in the kitchen.

There is a bed alongside of the raised garden area that needs attention. It was decided that we would dress that area up by removing weeds, old plants, and replace them with mulch and Hostas in addition to adding edging. Judy has agreed to donate some Hostas from her yard.

The raised garden brick floor is full of weeds and grass. Barbara researched a mixture of vinegar, salt and dish detergent that could be sprayed to get rid of weeds. Both Barbara and Barry will see if they can get a large sprayer to apply the mixture.

The circular area near the sign is full of weeds and needs to be cleaned out. There is also a dead tree nearby.

The weeds and branches along the back side of the shed area have become invasive since the pine trees were cut down. They are encroaching further and further towards the building and into the lawn. Barry suggested requesting a roadside tractor to mow down the thick branches and weeds. Carol will check with DPW.

A small group of workers will meet next Monday afternoon at 1:00 to work on these projects.

The patio garden needs to be cleaned up but can't be tackled right away.

Ground Effects has applied a pre-emergence treatment to the patio area for weeds.

Phase II and III of the Outdoor Recreation Area

Phase II is almost complete. The parking lot was paved and striped. The stairs are constructed and we are waiting for the railings to come in and be installed. There's a couple of punch list items and then the project will be complete. Phase III was funded at the spring town meeting for \$625,000. Funds will be available on July 1, 2018. This \$625,000 is a reduced amount from the original budget. The project committee met with an engineer who will submit a proposal to finish the design, survey, permitting and oversight of the project. We should expect a proposal in a couple of weeks.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2018 @ 10:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Hamilton, Director
Council on Aging