

MINUTES

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 23 2019

TIME: 3:30 pm

PLACE: Senior Center, 230 Webster St., Marshfield, MA (Conference Room)

ATTENDANCE: Sheila Gagnon, Barbara Van Houten, Martine Anderson, Maureen Rosenberg, Maureen Saunders, Paul Winget, Marcy Amore, Bill Scott, Carol Hamilton – Director COA. Barry Cornwall, guest.

Absent excused: Fred Monaco

CALL TO ORDER: 3:40 pm

DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING JANUARY 22, 2019

General overview from Board members and guest in attendance at the BOS meeting. There was agreement to send a letter to the BOS reflecting the need for assurances that the expansion of the COA will be included in the debt exclusion request for the Special Town Meeting in October 2019.

VOTE: The Council on Aging Board agrees to postpone, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to the October 2019 Special Town Meeting, the Senior Center Expansion request for funding. The COA Board is seeking a commitment from the BOS that the project will be included in the debt exclusion being sought for three town projects; the Senior Center Expansion, the Police station and the Department of Public Works Garage. If for any reason, the other projects are not ready by fall, we will request that the Senior Center be allowed to move forward. Moved by Bill Scott, 2nd by Marcy Amore. Unanimous approval.

Justification for the position taken by the Board: The COA Expansion is far along in the planning; ready to move forward. It has been a four-year process and waiting is not an option. The original plan to go forward at the Annual Town Meeting in April would allow for the orderly progression to completion of the Project. The Board recognizes the practicality of combining the three projects for an omnibus debt exclusion article, and October 2019 is timelier for the other two projects. Fear of being excluded, at this point, needs assurance of inclusion from the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

OTHER BUSINESS: There will be a presentation of the COA Expansion at the next BOS meeting Monday, January 28, 2019. All are urged to attend. There is a presentation of the COA Expansion Project at the Capital Budget Meeting tonight at 7:00 pm in Hearing Room 2.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 4:40 pm by Bill, 2nd by Barbara. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Martine Anderson, Secretary