

MINUTES

May 22, 2017

Council on Aging Grounds Committee

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

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

GUEST: Ann Sheridan, Landscape Designer.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of May 8, 2017 were voted on. Bill made the motion to approve the minutes, Gwen seconds. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION:

- A. Landscape Design – Anne Sheridan, Landscape Architect presented a plan for the exterior gardens in the front of the building and along the side of the building by the patio. There were two written plans that were distributed, for each of these areas. Anne Sheridan explained that there were many plantings in our garden and no cohesive style. It is analogous to having too much in your closet and needing to pare down the collection. Ann's plan is to save the most flattering plant items and do away with some that are not beneficial to the overall design. She adheres to the design principals that incorporate; low maintenance, best variety of color year round, symmetry and simplicity. Anne taped off various areas outside for the Committee to look at for possible removal of material. The grounds would have to be dug out and all plants and weeds are to be removed. Mulch would be spread and new plants would be added. Some of the hydrangeas are to be removed or relocated. New hydrangeas could be added along with boxwoods and other plants. We could take some of the perennials flowers and relocate them to one large location so that a grouping is created. Many opinions and suggestions were offered as to what we should keep, discard or relocate in terms of plantings. No final decisions were made at this time. Various funding options will have to be considered once we receive a final price quote. If the project is able to be completed it would beautify and simplify the outside beds and complement the soon to be painted building. The beds should then be trimmed and pruned one to two times per year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Martine asked if Donna could advertise specifically and exclusively for grounds workers. Carol will speak to Donna.
- b. Clean up of the Shed is still pending. Barbara Van Houten volunteered to reorganize the shed.
- c. Ask the Sheriff's Department to power wash the shed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: There was no subsequent meeting scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Hamilton, Director
Council on Aging

