

MINUTES

September 7, 2016

Council on Aging Grounds Committee

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

ATTENDANCE: Martine Anderson, Gwen Frazier, Carol Hamilton and Barbara Van Houten.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of May 12, 2016 were voted on. Gwen made the motion to approve the minutes, Barbara seconds. There was one abstention and 3 yes, motion passes.

DISCUSSION:

- A. Landscape Design – Our Landscape Company trimmed and weeded all of the nearby plant beds closest to the building. Students from the school come one to two days per week to work on mulching around the trees. The next step is to contact Ground Effects and set up an appointment to meet with the designer. The committee talked about the new design and agreed it should be easy to maintain, provide as much color as possible year round, and have continuity, consistency and be symmetrical throughout the garden beds. Carol will contact Luke to set up an appointment with the designer. Once the design plan is completed the committee will reconvene to review it. Gwen and Carol will meet with the designer.
- B. Raised Gardens – The raised gardens are being utilized. Some participants would like to have a full bed. The COA is exploring funding and a cost estimate to see if we could add four more raised gardens in the area.
- C. Eagle Scout Project – The Eagle Scout Project is ongoing. The Scouts are trying to raise \$1500 in funds for materials. The scouts will need additional money for plants. The COA or COA Boosters may be able to help. Carol met with Roberta and Kyle to discuss the project. We are also working with a local mason who will provide technical assistance.
- D. Status of Outdoor Recreation Projects – We are working on a contract for the parking, stairs and railings. The COA plans to reapply to CPC for funding for the next phase of outdoor recreation area. Carol talked to the designer about incorporating a pet disposal receptacle with signage for the next recreation project.
- E. Other Improvements – Mike Moran, Tree Expert on DPW has trimmed a few of the trees at the COA but has to get equipment repaired. He will contact us once the equipment is fixed. There is a dead tree near the Senior Center Sign that perhaps needs to be taken down. Gwen will plant fall arrangements in the pots out front; she will also design some wreaths to put up. We will try to have this done before volunteer recognition.
- F. The Outdoor recreation walk path needs to be trimmed and any garbage or litter has to be cleaned up. The COA representatives would ideally like to set up a meeting with Youth Baseball to discuss maintenance.

NEXT MEETING: There was no new meeting set up at this time.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Hamilton, Director
Council on Aging

