

MINUTES

Council on Aging Grounds Committee

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March 10, 2016

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gwen makes a motion to accept the minutes of November 5, 2015. Sarah seconds. The motion passes.

DISCUSSION: The committee discussed replacing the bird feeder. Birds unlimited are a great local resource to purchase bird feeders and they may give us a discount. A metal feeder would not decompose in the weather.

Raised Garden Beds - The Committee also talked about the raised gardens. Gwen cleaned out the raised gardens, as not everyone cleared out the remnants from last fall. The gardens would have to be turned for the spring plantings and then put the compost or an ozmocote on. We can ask the students do this that day of the "One Heart Many Hands" clean up. We have to be explicit to people participating in the raised gardens that there should be no perennial plantings. They should plant either vegetables or annual flowers. There was a suggestion to put a marker in each garden with the person's name on it. Sarah will get a sample memorandum of understanding from the "adopt an island" program. We will adapt it for the COA to use with our raised garden program. Gwen has written a draft article for the Link regarding the raised gardens.

"One Heart Many Hands" - We have gotten word that the "One Heart Many Hands" clean-up project has been scheduled for Friday, April 29th from 8-1. The group decided it would be a good idea to meet prior to the "One Heart Many Hands Event" to organize ourselves. Carol will file a request for 8 students for that day. We also need supervisors such as Bill Scott, Tom Halliday, Chuck O Connor, Barbara Van Houten, and Martine Anderson. Martine will also bring an extra wheelbarrow. Carol will order 1 cubic yard of mulch and 1 cubic yard of compost from the DPW. The students will be asked to bring work gloves.

Gwen has replanted the front flower pots with beautiful forsythias and greens. We currently have 2 volunteers doing community service who may help with some of the grounds work. The CPC has approved funding for 21 new parking spaces and replacement of hand rails and stairs to the ball fields. This will need town meeting approval. We are also working on an additional walk path sign and a pick up after your dog sign. Carol is meeting with a sign vendor later today.

The town clean up date is for April 9th from 9-4. We will post signs to let people know.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting date is set for April 21, 2016 @ 9:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Hamilton, Director

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