

## **MINUTES**

Council on Aging Grounds Committee

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June 19, 2015

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

**ATTENDANCE:** Martine Anderson, Carol Hamilton Tom Paine, and Bill Lyons.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Bill makes a motion to accept the minutes of May 14, 2015. Tom seconds. The discussion was to correct the name in the first paragraph in the first and second sentences from Marine to Martine. The motion passes with the correction.

**DISCUSSION:** The group discussed the pet signs. We were able to get a price from South Shore Signs for \$140 each to go along with the idea of a pet waste depository. We reviewed the material needed which would be a container for the disposal, the sign, the wickets and the bags. The questions were how many do we start with and what location would work out the best?

Once these pet stations are installed who will be responsible for emptying this and how often will there be a need for this? We could buy 1500 mitts and 30 wickets at a time. The mitts would be \$180 per case. We would want the container to have some sort of liner. There is also the concern that people would throw away trash in the container. The group took a walk outside and decided on an ideal spot for the dog waste depository.

The committee also discussed the status of our Senior Center signs. The signs are too small and too close to the Senior Center. We have spoken with the police and they were going to talk to the DPW. The crest of the hill is a dangerous location and drivers need more notice as to the location of the Senior Center so that they can plan better. The signs should stand out and be in a noticeable color, some communities have blue and white. Should the sign be free standing? The vegetation is also in the way of signage such as the Senior Center Sign and potentially the other signs. Carol has called the safety officer again to try to get together with DPW to see if we could redesign the signs.

The maintenance of the grounds is still a concern. We did not complete the work that was needed on the grounds with the "One Heart Many Hands" project. The committee felt that we should look into various options as to ways to take care of the grounds. One example of excellent maintenance is the Daniel Webster Estate Trust, who uses volunteers as well as professional help. Several volunteers at the Senior Center are limited physically as to what they can do which presents a need for alternative help. We will explore some options before the next meeting.

Our irrigation system has recently gone on the blink. Carol will call the facilities manager to evaluate the system. Martine asked about planting bulbs again around the grounds. Those would potentially be planted in the fall if it was something we decided to do. It is not clear as to whether or not the Boosters will sell the

daffodil bulbs again as a fundraiser. We could set up another bulb planting day with a Girl Scout group. The committee decided to do another walk around of the property at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 @ 9:30 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Hamilton, Director Council on Aging