

Greenfield COA Board Minutes

March 27, 2014

Amendment 4/24/14

Meeting called to order at 2:00PM by Judy Young, Chair.

Members present: Mildred Grant, Hazel Dawkins, Mary Williford, Marsha Stone, Dorothy Gagnon, Ginger Carson, Judy Young, Mary Parrott, Adele Corcoran, Thomas Goodwin.

Absent with regrets: Anne Hare, Janice Colbert, Teresa Bartlett.

Staff present: Hope Macary, Kathy Dunn, MaryAnn Socquet.

Guest: Chris Miller, running for 6th precinct.

Secretary's Report: February 27, 2014 minutes accept as presented.

Correspondence: None

Executive Committee Report: 1) Meeting with the Mayor on March 5th regarding a new senior center which went well.* Also restoring funds for FY15 budget.

Mayor Martin stated there would be an increase in the GCOA FY15 budget.

2) Discussed buying new computers for the computer lab.

Director's Report: 1) No update on the FY15 budget. 2) After a meeting with the Mayor and the Construction Planning Committee, more information regarding a new senior center was requested. 3) Director has completed her requirements for Group Fitness & Personal Trainer. CPR/BLS; MA RN license renewed. See report.

Activities Director: New, Bright Idea Group will meet May 15th. Cape Cod Trip is full. Activities Director renewed NETA Group Aerobics Instructor & CPR.

Volunteer Recognition will be a brunch at the Senior Center on May 9th, 9:30am. See report.

Motion made by Tom Goodwin, seconded by Mildred Grant, to have the COA go on record to support and encourage the Mayor for a speedy new senior center for the Town of Greenfield. After some discussion Tom Goodwin withdrew the motion.

Motion made by Ginger Carson, seconded by Tom Goodwin; The Board of the COA supports the expeditious creation of a new senior center for the Town of Greenfield. Unanimous, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10PM on a **motion** by Marsha Stone, seconded by Tom Goodwin, motion carried.

Next GCOA Board meeting, April 24, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,
MaryAnn Socquet, Recorder

* See page 2 for more information regarding new senior center.

New Senior Center:

Mildred Grant, Dorothy Gagnon, Hazel Dawkins and Marsha Stone had a meeting with the Mayor and presented valid reasons for Greenfield to have a new senior center. With 4,000+ seniors in Greenfield and that number is growing as more “Baby Boomers” come of age, the senior center has outgrown the space it now occupies. Due to the lack of space events and activities are limited; meaning some seniors who need assistance will not get it. And parking is always an issue also water issue and building maintenance such as the entrance walk way in disrepair or blocked by moving vans as tenants are moving in or out.

The Planning and Construction Committee voted to move forward in support of finding a location for a new center.

The Mayor put a new senior center project ahead of other Town projects with a 2 year time-line.

Possible sites mentioned for a new center, Herm’s in the Mohawk Mall, Pella’s on Main St, and the empty lot next to the Mill House on Wells St.

Requirements for a new center include;

- Near Downtown
- Walkable access
- On the bus route
- Adequate parking
- Near elder population housing
- Preferably one story