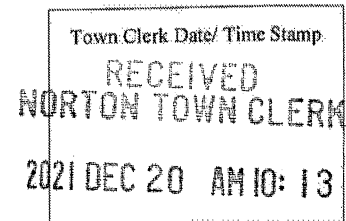




# MINUTES

## TOWN OF NORTON



**Board/ Committee:** COUNCIL ON AGING

**Meeting Date:** AUGUST 13, 2020 **Time:** 3:30PM

**Meeting Location:** ZOOM MEETING

**Members Present:** MaryAnn Dempsey, Pat Zwicker, Kathy Eno, Carol McLaughlin, Judy Leroux, Joan DeCosta, Paul Wanamaker, Ruth Schneider, Sharyn Stedman, Natalie Lima, Beth Rossi

The meeting was called to order at 3:35PM and adjourned at 4:30PM.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** July report accepted – Pat made motion to accept, Joan Seconded, voted and all in favor to accept

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** July report accepted – Kathy made motion to approve, Ruth seconded, voted and all in favor to accept. Beth will obtain numbers for end of fiscal year 2020. July starts new fiscal year.

### Community Center Update

#### *Permanent Building Committee Update - (Bob Briscoe)*

Bob reviewed the sites and reported that the Select Board chose the Rte. 140, Mansfield Ave across from the Chinese restaurant for the new center and approved its purchase. The Select Board also approved the purchase of Clemmey property between the Town Hall and Police Department for the New Town Hall. Bob also provided several reasons for the Select Board not choosing the Wheaton land on Reservoir St. (Residents upset about possible traffic, only access was on Mansfield Ave and owner wanted \$1M for land that was mostly wetlands, Zoning would need to be changed to Commercial). The two chosen sites will be reviewed by Town Manager to make sure property can be purchased and to lock down prices. The intention is to keep the projects together on the warrant for funding purposes.

Bob also mentioned that there were two lots available next to the DPW driveway which could allow for updating of DPW and Fire Station. The land behind these lots is already owned by the Town of Norton.

These projects would not be on the Warrant until after the first of the year. A Marketing information group will be put together to deliver information regarding the projects. Would like to have 6-8 people from various committees and towns people to help out. We should have a member of the COA on this committee. Bob Briscoe has volunteered to be a representative from the COA. Sherri C has indicated that the School Committee has people who would be willing to help our volunteers to get the word out to the public, i.e., flyers, newspaper articles etc.

### DIRECTORS UPDATE

- *Senior Center Reopening:* Norton Health Agent met with Beth and said that we cannot bring Seniors safely into the building (building is old, AC old, air circulation is poor). Does not want to have activities held at center even with social distancing. Many senior centers have had to temporarily close due to the pandemic, some centers are starting up outdoor activities to bring seniors together.
- *Bingo* – will be held at Everett Leonard Park with safety guidelines. Exact change will be needed, seating at end of tables, prepackaged snacks.

- *Fitness Classes* - Zumba classes may be held at Everett Leonard as the weather cools, currently being done via ZOOM, water aerobics classes are a possibility at Town Pool but will be limited to 8 participants
- *Grab and Go Meals* - Seniors in need must sign up ahead of time. Meals available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It has been the same people coming each week.
- *Patio Area* - Beth would like to create a patio area at the front of the center for both work and leisure. Bob Salvo has offered his labor for free to create the patio area. The Senior Center would just need to pay for supplies. *Pat made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to purchase a picnic table and umbrella.* Natalie seconded the motion and vote was taken - All in favor. Ruth made a recommendation to look into metal umbrellas like they have at Dairy Queen in Foxboro.
- *Kathy Varnum* - has been very busy
- *SHINE* - Beth currently putting together a plan for SHINE / Medicare open enrollment
- *Thanksgiving and Christmas* - calls have been starting to come in for Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts. MaryAnn will be holding her annual Christmas drive.

#### OPEN SESSION

Bob mentioned what a great job Sosie's son did cleaning up the front of the Senior Center. Everyone agreed that it does look great. Thank you to Sosie's son!

Also, Pat thanked Beth for the volunteer appreciate gift of Norton House of Pizza gift cards and thanked Sharyn for making the cards. All joined in to extend their thanks.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Minutes Approved by Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_

9/10/20

Chairman Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

