DEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2015

Present: Chairman Leanne Jasset, Sherri Hannigan, Marie Louise Kehoe, Geraldine Pacheco, Russ Poole, Diane Barry Preston, Maureen Teti, Sandra Tocman, HESSCO Representative Ann Heller, COA Director Laura Leventhal

Absent:

Guests: Peter and Libby Turowski of Turowski2 Architecture, Viola Augustin the firm’s landscape architect, and Town Manager James Kern

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 3:55 PM.

Open Discussion: None

Minutes: Diane, seconded by Russ, made a motion to accept the June minutes. It was so voted. Sherri Hannigan voted present, as she did not attend the June meeting.

Directors Report:

* July activities: Troubadours Summer Show at the Endicott Estate, Sweet Surprise, an ice cream social sponsored by the Charwell House, and Broadway Bash, a musical program.
* Upcoming trips: The Best of Times Clambake with a musical comedy show in York, Maine, and a trip to Foxwoods sponsored by the Friends of the COA in memory of Dot Warren.
* Future class: Feldenkrais classes that combine movement and mindfulness will begin in the fall.
* Future Senior Center presentation for seniors will be rescheduled for the fall.

New Business: Peter and Libby Turowski of Turowski2 Architecture and Viola Augustin the firm’s landscape architect presented a very informative plan for the Ames School Senior Center that also answered the questions raised by the COA Board at its last meeting. Highlights of the plan include:

* The first floor will house the Senior Center. The rear entrance will be reconstructed to provide a welcoming entry similar to the front entry. The current stairs will be relocated to the sides of the building so people entering the building for town business may enter from the front, the sides, or the rear if they need to use the elevator.
* The second floor will be the customer service area. Residents will be able to quickly enter the building and conduct their town business.
* The third floor will contain a larger much needed space for the selectmen to conduct their meetings and recognition ceremonies.
* Architect Viola Augustin showed her plans for the outside landscaping that provides inviting seating areas and tables for seniors and town residents at various points around the building.
* Other items discussed were the improvements being made to the lighting in the senior area, shared spaces with other town departments throughout the building, and a redesigned traffic pattern.
* The tentative time frame is to put the project out for bid in January of 2016, design and finish construction by the end of next winter, and move into the building in January of 2017.
* Mrs. Kehoe requested minutes of the architect’s meetings and the BPCC be sent to the COA.

Old Business:

* Diane is continuing to share information with various town departments and groups about the age friendly forum taking place in the fall. Maureen suggested contacting the high school to see if students could be involved.

HESSCO:

* HESSCO has been conducting contract reviews.
* Ann described a new lifeline company device that detects falls rather than waiting for someone to press a button to alert the company.

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting September 17th unless an issue arises that requires attention.

Motion made by Mrs. Kehoe, seconded by Geri, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. So voted.

Meeting adjourned 5:45 PM.