

Newtown Commission on Aging

Special meeting minutes

Wednesday May 29, 2019

Senior Center

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Anna Wiedemann, Barbara Bloom, Claire Theune, John Boccuzzi, Curt Symes, LeReine Frampton, Ruby Ryles, Larry Passaro

Absent: Joanne Albanesi, Cris Fadus, Anne Rothstein

Also Present: Natalie Jackson, Matt Ariniello

Meeting was called to order at 3:33pm

No public participation

There was much discussion on the logo. Discussion on keeping it similar to the town logo, different from community center, the color and placement of the tag line.

Mr Symes moved to use the Newtown Rooster and have Senior Center in one line in the banner. The tag line is separate so it can be used underneath forming a square or alongside forming a rectangle. Mr Passero 2nd the motion – approved

Ms Boccuzzi purchased the plants and herbs for the front flower box. **Ms Bloom moved to reimburse Ms Boccuzzi the \$125 she spent to purchase the plants. Mr Symes 2nd the motion - approved with Mr Boccuzzi recusing himself.**

\$39,415.87 is the cost of the furniture for the senior center. Mr Ariniello worked with the purchasing agent and interior designers to reduce the cost by more than half. The furniture for the community center was ordered last week. It is important to get the order in as fast as possible so both centers can open at the same time.

Ms Frampton moved to spend \$15,000 from the gift fund on the deposit for the furniture for the senior center. Ms Bloom 2nd the motion – approved.

Mr Ariniello updated the commission on other items that had been value engineered. The landscaping was discussed. The importance of the landscaping being consistent around both centers and current problems due to the rain were discussed. Ms Walsh is working on layout and types of plants that are in line with the plan to prevent erosion.

Mr Boccuzzi moved to not exceed \$5000 toward the shrubs from the gift fund. Mr Passero 2nd the motion – approved

Discussion held on ways to replenish the gift fund. Discussion also took place on donation avenues for the shrubs.

Mr Symes moved to adjourn with Ms Bloom 2nd. Approved

Adjourned at 4:26

Respectfully submitted,

LeReine Frampton