

Senior Center Committee Meeting

Friday, January 31, 2020

Saltmarsh Senior Center

Meeting to order at 1:39 PM

Attendance: Vanessa Larrabee, Dawn-Hill Holdgate, Julie Fitzgerald & Jack Fritch via Face Time

Meeting is being recorded

Minutes: Table approving the minutes until the next meeting 1st Vanessa all in favor

Public Comment:

Beverly Knapp: Will Billy Cassidy get the Saltmarsh property? That was denied by the board.

Can we add on to the Saltmarsh? It's in a flood zone and doesn't increase the space enough

The center would have to be closed for a while to build

Ken Beaugrand says the comment has been made

Jack is surprised there are a lot of seniors opposed to the move, public feed-back in past year was positive

Status of funds: Additional funds exist, should board look into other professional services, want to hear what Caitlin has to say at next meeting

OIH Review-Dawn mentions the time line would be pushed out is OIH moves somewhere else and Saltmarsh goes to OIH-also some flood issues there so probably a tear down and re-build-probably 5 years out

Review of Caitlin report: Question & answer by architect

Ken Beaugrand: asked Caitlin: what is available at Folger Farm & at new build

Folger Farm is more expensive than new build

What we get @ Folger that don't get @ new build

New build is a better solution because it's a larger structure which provides for the future

Paul Connors: handout says there is a lot of space not usable at Folger

Caitlin says it's putting a square peg in a round hole

Ken Beaugrand: Not much expansion at Folger-parking is less than what you get at Sherburne-concerned with the sloping parking lot at Folger Just like at Academy Hill

Caitlin believes the new build will last us 50 years

Folger Farm requires about \$7 million land acquisition

Parking at Sherburne is 76 spaces specifically for new center

Center will have own access at Sherburne-there is a sewer main that runs down South Shore Rd.

Space for center is on the right-hand side as go into Sherburne

Julie Fitzgerald explains Sherburne Commons scheme 3 & Folger Farm Property

The * on the comparison chart means those activities happen in the multi-purpose room

Is 31 Faregrounds property still being looked at

Board thought it was too tight of a space and traffic is a concern

Vanessa;

Door #1: Folger Farm, plus land acquisition & a little \$ from the land bank

Door #2: New, plus 31 Fargrounds purchase of \$3 Million+, 60 parking

Door # 3: New, Sherburne, 76 parking & over flow parking, town owns land but need to change the lease

If the center goes to Sherburne is OIH off the table for Sherburne? At first thought yes but maybe not

Can we get the votes & debt exclusion so once it is paid off it's taken off the tax bill

Other towns reduce the size of the new build to what they think will pass at town meeting and the ballot

Other centers ask the town to build the center and have a friends group fill it, about \$180,000 to fill it

Year of the senior to promote seniors and need to get the word out

Need to get the 45 years old out to vote because it will affect them

A few options to make the price tag a little smaller, if we did the same programming in a new build that is in Folger Farm what would the price be

Can we tap into the community like the hospital did to fundraise?

Feasible to consider a philanthropic contribution to the project once we know what it is

31% button represents seniors over 55 which are 31% Nantucket population

The architect believes there is a lot of unusable space at Folger Farm

Under 40 years old use social media, especially Face Book

No draft recommendation yet

Next meeting will be the architect, need to get in touch with him for a time

Recommended that the meeting be at 6 or 7 PM since younger group is working

Motion to adjourn 2:32 PM

