

**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19**  
**2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**  
**MEETING NOTES FROM July 20 2020 – ZOOM Meeting**  
**SPECIAL COA MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Bert called meeting to order @ 4:09

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Chairperson Bert Lannon, Secretary Helen Daly, Becky Poynot, Chris McCaffrey, Elizabeth Derwin

Bert called meeting to order 9:08

The purpose of this meeting is to respond to the Permanent Building Committee question as to the focus of the COA moving forward.

Chairperson – summary of meeting

- Finalize what we see will be best for the seniors of Millis for now and in the future
- Multi-generational approach?
- Patty noted that the senior population has increased by 52% - will be 3624 seniors in 2030
- Look at stop gaps for now or long term goal?
- What will be the best option of the 3 building proposals currently under review
- Chris comments – always in favor of Community Center – space to be used by multi generations – space only, not programming
- Patty noted that Linda commented that the space could be used similar to the Library usage?
- Elizabeth commented that if the center is attached to the VMB – the Town could use the space if not in use by the Senior Center
- Patty noted that we have had 2 floods and air conditioner break down in the current VMV over the recent few weeks
- Question about Cassidy Field location does not encompass a gym area? – it does show program rooms that have sliding partitions that can be opened to accommodate an exercise class
- Pickle Ball is run by the Rec, Dept – not the COA and is held in the gym at VMB
- Question as to which we should limit our scope to one of the three options proposed by Abacus?
- We do not have proposed cost estimate for the three proposed options
- If we go with VMB – keep in mind that the COA will be shut down during construction period
- Chris noted that Cassidy Farm has largest sq. footage
- Questions rising from the discussions:
  1. What are the costs of each
  2. What would be the required construction downtimes?
- Chris asked about what the outside plans for Cassidy Farm?
- Questions as to more discussion as to what Cassidy Farm proposal will encompass -?
- Question as to the cost per sq. ft for each proposal

**Unanimous vote: We propose that we would want to focus on a new Senior Center only (not multi-generational center)**

At this time the COA Board does not have a decision as to one of the 3 sites proposed by Abacus – dependent on the lack of information noted above.

Also note that the COA will not ask that the Cassidy Farm location be reconfigured to include a gym – a more complete discussion of this location is requested.

Patty will contact Diane Jurmain of the Permanent Building Committee to discuss exactly what they are requesting from the COA Board as this time as we move forward and will discuss at the next schedule COA Board meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> unless she feels that we should meet sooner.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06

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**Next COA Board Meeting: THURSDAY August 13, 2020**  
**9:00 AM– via ZOOM until further notice**