

Permanent Building Committee Meeting
Minutes of Thursday, March 10, 2022
Room 229, Veteran's Memorial Building (VMB)

Meeting Attendees:

PBC

Diane Jurmain, Wayne Klocko, James McCaffrey, Craig Schultze (Select Board representative)

Council on Aging (COA)

Bill Brown, Brooks Corl, Helen Daly, Patty Kayo, Bert Lannon, Chris McCaffrey (remote), Meredith Sauveur, Lisette Walter

Call to Order: Wayne Klocko called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Senior Center Feasibility Study Update

Millis population information was shared with attendees. 8,930 total residents as of 2022. 1,922 are 65 and older and 1,093 are ages 5-18. Per the 2020 Mass Census, the 60+ population in Millis is higher than the state average.

Work on the Senior Center Feasibility Study has resulted in multiple design options for a new or renovated Senior Center. Designs were based on a list of programming needs compiled by the COA, Library and Recreation Department. These design options include renovations to the existing VMB and two stand-alone options at Cassidy Farm - one that includes a gym and one that does not.

Concerns about potential parking issues and displacement of the seniors with the VMB option were discussed. Additional considerations include the financial impact to the community on taxes, which could potentially be between \$225 and \$337 a year for the building or renovation costs depending on the price of the project. In addition to the building or renovation costs, funding would be needed for additional operating hours and staff.

Looking to hold focus groups within the community to get input from residents. One major point of discussion will be Senior Center vs. Community Center.

Next steps include forming a Communications Group with 2 COA board members and 2 PBC board members to help move the project forward including getting Facebook and a project website up and running.

Adjournment: Wayne Klocko made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Diane Jurmain. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

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