

Meeting Notes

February 28, 2024

Phil called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The committee unanimously approved the secretary's minutes from Feb13, 2024.

In attendance: Phil Cieply, Amy Wilson-Kent, Alejna Burgos, Mark Bucchino, , David Kurczy, Mike Goddard, Peg Nogueira, Karen Meade, Mike Ammendolia , Diane Howell and Lawney Tinio

The Committee discussed which option architectural study 3.0 (full price) or 3.1 (reduced price) to bring to the town for approval. Phil took a roll call for votes and it was unanimously agreed to put the 3.1 version on the warrant.

The Communications Committee has set forth an ambitious engagement schedule to bring our expansion project to the townspeople. Committee members who are members of local clubs and organizations will assist the committee with outreach efforts and speaking engagements. Amy has provided the list of organizations already using our center for their meetings and Phil has produced a spreadsheet with organization names and dates to be visited. The Communications members will also begin working on a FAQ sheet. Also having a short "Straw Poll" on the Senior Center Facebook and /or Mendon Bulletin page was discussed. Alejna mentioned the "spark" banner on the Town's website that highlights important information.

The Expansion Committee is looking into trying to defray the cost of the outdoor activities which include bocce, shuffleboard, pickleball, and possibly a basketball court which Parks and Rec have on their wish list.

It is hoped that if the expansion passes, Anne Mazur, using CPA funds, would get a designer to look at an ADA compliance walkway/trail. Dave Colton, from the Collins group, is a possible contact to seek out grant money. The use of such grant money, along with CPA funds, will be advantageous to the success of the project. Mark B stated what he had heard was available grant money. There is a Community Aid Grant that will match up to \$10,000.

Other funding options include personal /business donations, bequests and fundraising projects by the Friends.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

Peg Nogueira

Acting Secretary