

West Newbury Community Center Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Vanessa Graham at 6:05 P.M.

Attendees: Vanessa Graham, Marge Peterson, Mary Harada, Joel Grossman, Dick Cushing, Theresa Woodbury, and Peggie Poore Administrative Assistant. Gary Bill was also present.

Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

Secretary Report. Motion by Joel Grossman and seconded by Marge Peterson to accept report.

Valuing the Annex – Gary Bill was present to discuss the feasibility of using the Annex for the project. Vanessa was given an approximate value of the Annex of \$773,856 by Mary Winglass. It was explained that the Housing Authority owns the building and the town does all the maintenance and upkeep on the building. Marge explained use and configuration of the annex to incorporate needs as they have been presented to us. There was a question in regards to the septic system as to its age and if it would need to be updated, the system is on a shared system with the elderly housing. To replace that system would be very costly. Gary was asked if there are other properties in town that might be suitable. The goal is to have an intergenerational community center.

Fundraising - Vanessa has researched for Foundations that could be applied to for grants for the first (design) phase of the Center. Two were presented to us: Tufts Health Plan Foundation and Home Instead Foundation. The Tufts Foundation LOI is due by 01/22/18, Home Instead Foundation has a rolling application.

Different ideas on fundraising were also discussed. Pentucket Arts Foundation was mentioned as a possibility. Community involvement was suggested as a source at a later date.

New Business & Next Steps – Work on putting together vision for next meeting discussion. Vanessa will reach out to Ann Bardeen, architect, and Dick will ask Ray Cook, engineer, to attend the next meeting for their advice/opinions on use of the annex. Both are members of the Planning Board.

There was no Public Comment

Next meeting January 8, 2018 at 6:15 P.M.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 P.M.