

Rec. Needs Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2014

- Members present: Denise Stetson, Dennis McGinity, Henry Oppenheimer, Larry Casey, Iva Lipton
- Also present: Rob Rock, Jackie Kenyon
- Absent: Carolyn Richard
- Ms. Stetson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
- Approval of minutes
 - Ms. Lipton makes motion to approve, Mr. Casey seconds
 - All Ayes
- Member Reports
 - Rob Rock joined the RIRPA
 - Mr. Oppenheimer
 - Did Cowboy send their specs? No
- URI Presentation
 - We have not heard from DEM on the trail grant
 - All 3 URI groups used the McCann property in their plans
 - Ms. Lipton found it interesting that the 3 plans were so different
 - Mr. Casey - where are we with the McCann property
 - Feels that if we don't get it, it changes everything
 - It's the "doorway" to the project
 - Ms. Stetson - we would like to know what is going to happen with the McCann property because it helps with the planning of the project
 - Mr. Casey
 - Discusses the library's use on the rec. land
 - We need to save money by getting rid of duplication
 - Ms. Lipton
 - YMCA, she is not as excited as she once was
 - Mr. Oppenheimer – Water Tank
 - Small area
 - Will be fenced in
 - Will not interfere with the rec. land
 - Ms. Stetson – What did people like about the presentations?
 - Ms. Lipton – like to have community center close to the entrance
 - Mr. Casey – depends on what we want to use it for
 - Is the YMCA in or out?
 - Has researched to see how old towns are becoming "new" towns
 - Ms. Stetson – do we want the YMCA to come before the committee?
 - Consensus of the committee - yes
 - Ms. Kenyon
 - Would like to have the YMCA come before the committee

- Ice rink could be visible from the road
 - Mr. Oppenheimer
 - What are the prioritized needs for the Town?
 - Do they mesh with the YMCA?
 - What is the financial deal for the Town if the YMCA comes in
- Town Survey
 - Ms. Stetson
 - Community center, senior center with a kitchen, pool were high priorities
 - Fees - everyone needs to be included
 - If it were just a community center, we would have to pay for building and staffing?
 - Mr. Casey requests measurements for potential senior center
 - 7200 sq. ft. for entire building
 - Dining room – 1,000 sq. ft.
 - Craft area – 300 sq. ft.
 - Kitchen – 500 sq. ft.
 - Bathrooms – 300 sq. ft.
 - Office and sub-office – 400 sq. ft.
 - Storage closet – 1,000 sq. ft.
 - Office bath – 150 sq. ft.
 - Exercise room – 500 sq. ft.
 - Conference room – 450 sq. ft.
 - Entrance
 - 430 seniors in town currently and will grow to 520 in the next 10 years
 - 52% of YMCA activity is out of town
 - No senior center in Exeter or W. Greenwich
 - Charlestown and S. Kingstown have one
 - Hopkinton has the Cradle House
 - We would get a shift from other towns
 - 775 potential seniors total
 - The mechanics have to be done right the first time
 - Septic, etc.
 - What does it cost to build the building (7,200-8,000 sq.)?
 - If the YMCA builds, how would we pay the rent
 - Trusts, grants
 - Mr. McGinity may be able to get money from Sen. Whitehouse

- Next meetings will be Jan. 22 and Feb. 26
- Town needs a priority list of when things are going to happen and how much so it can be put into the 5-year capital plan
- **Ms. Lipton makes a motion to adjourn – Mr. Casey seconds the motion**
 - **All Ayes**
- **Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm**
- **Meeting minutes taken by Rob Rock**