

Hatfield Council on Aging Meeting minutes

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Present: Dir. GERALYN RODGERS, Chair Shawn Robinson, Amanda Zygmunt, Jill Tucker, Susan Hurley, Cindy Doty, resident Michael Cahill, Town Administrator Marlene Michonski At 1658 hrs.

The meeting was called to order at 1609 hours by Chair Robinson.

Renovations and renovation monies: Expenditures were expected to be for an exterior ramp, dismantling two rooms and the kitchen; however, Town Meeting warrant reads, "and to renovate such space, Board of Health offices"..... Resident Michael Cahill believes that the Article funding was referring to the entrance area, kitchen and whole basement after removal of the Board of Health office, all renovation dollars intended for the Council on Aging space. Dir. Rodgers advises that of the \$325,000 allotment, COA has incurred \$105,680 in expenditures leaving a balance of approximately \$219, 319.40; and stating that a motion should be made regarding TM Art. 12 to repurpose the money for flooring, paint, ceiling and a minisplit system, possibly adding a sliding window and leaving a wall slated for removal for COVID and privacy.

COVID: Dir Rodgers advises exercise classes are limited to ten persons in a room. She is also looking for a technology grant to enable her to run the exercise class in a second room via TV. The Dir. also advises that Phase II of Town Hall renovations is short \$488,00, as \$2.1 million was awarded, but the actual cost was \$2.3 million. Resident M. Cahill states that TM will need to propose a motion with the exact amount needed and language stating "after completion of project". He further states that if Art.12 is tabled, the Article passed in 2016 will still stand; and he is concerned the project will never be complete, as offices won't be moved. Dir. Rodgers states the Inspection Office is to be moved to DPW, and the BOH office out of Town Hall. TA Michonski joins the meeting at 1648 hours, advising she disagrees with COA Board and M. Cahill, believing money wasn't for painting, etc. and \$219,000 is to be appropriated. Robinson and Cahill believe money was appropriated in 2016 and the TA office wants to repurpose it. The consensus is that the Town Attorney will weigh in at Town Meeting, and TA adds that the money cannot be transferred for something else, and therefore will not fall back to Free Cash. M. Cahill asks if Article 12 wording of "a sum of money" will be updated to read \$219,000. This is confirmed by the TA prior to leaving meeting at 1720 hours. M. Cahill voices concern of Article 12 not passing. A. Zygmunt advises that wording is also incorrect in stating that the kitchen is expanding when it is actually being down-sized. Conclusion is to proceed with caution.

Budget: Director advises per BOS, same is level-funded. She will prepare an impact statement.

Adjournment 1753 hours: Due to late hour, all other agenda items are continued until next meeting. Motion to adjourn made by S. Hurley, seconded by J. Tucker.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Doty