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MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board
From: Amy Loveless, Director, Council on Aging
Date: June 10, 2021
Re: Council on Aging Assessment of Senior Center Space Needs

Recommended Action:

Direct the Council on Aging Board, in conjunction with the COA Director working with the Town Administrator, to continue to pursue opportunities for spaces that meet the programming needs of the senior population.

Purpose:

The Council on Aging was relocated from the Mill and Main complex to a renovated addition to the Maynard Golf Course function hall in January of 2015. Expansion of programming and increasing attendance is limited due to space restrictions. More importantly, the exterior access to the building is physically challenging for many and inherently creates risk during inclement weather.

The recommendations of the Town of Maynard's Master Plan include **Goal PFS5: Support expanded services for the Town's senior population and provide the appropriate facilities to accommodate them** has been determined to be a **critical priority**.

Next Steps:

Both near-term and long-term solutions should be sought.

Near-term:

The COA Board, with the COA Director, will continue to evaluate multi-use, leasable and shared space opportunities.

The COA Director will explore the use of community venues such as the Boys and Girls Club gym and the Maynard Elks Hall as means to expand programs and accommodate a larger group of attendees.

The COA Board, with the COA Director, will evaluate the effect of an increase in the Principal Clerk's hours to support extending the COA's hours. The COA Board, with the COA Director, will make recommendations through the budget development process.

The COA Board, with the COA Director, will consider the creation of an ad hoc committee to survey seniors and the community's interests in a senior or community center.

Long-term:

An established facility with appropriate access, sufficient parking, and space in which to continue to expand programs and events.