

**TOWN OF MAYNARD**  
**SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 15, 2024, 7PM**

**Final 9/10/2024**

All remote meetings; Zoom only. (This public meeting was recorded.)

**Present:**

Jerry Culbert, Chair

Deb Roussell, Vice Chair

Mary Mitzcavitch

Paul Guthrie, interim clerk

Mark Koenig

Jack MacKeen

Mary Ann Bassett

Amy Loveless

Chris DiSilva (Select Board liason)

Linda Holt (FinComm liason)

Glenn Koenig (guest)

**Absent:**

Dan Shields, Stephanie Duggan

**1. Meeting opening**

Jerry Culbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present.

**2. Acceptance of prior meeting minutes**

Minutes from August 1, 2024; no proposed changes; Jerry moved to accept the minutes; Mary Ann seconded. Approved by vote, 9-0.

**3. Working group reports and updates**

**Real Estate:** Josh is spearheading a draft package for submission to the Select Board and/or others. At the recent Quad Board meeting (see also last meeting's minutes), several Select Board members suggested the Senior Center Committee gather more data so the full picture could be analyzed. The finished document will address existing conditions, needs as a community, senior services history in Maynard, short-/long-term goals, schedule of events to come, costs, and progress to date.

**Josh** then went through the existing document in detail; points raised and discussed follow:

- name needed for the document
- the paragraph saying the Senior Center Committee "shall expect to advise" is problematic, as some details are out of our purview (e.g., building and engineering questions)
- projected number of seniors (4900 by year 2050) questioned; needs documentation
- Why seek 7800 sq. ft. at Mill & Main, as opposed to 2800 sq. ft. based on 650-690 projected users @ 4-5 sq. ft. per senior?

- based on data collected from other towns, expect a 4-5X increase in the number of users when the new facility opens
- best estimates for the project's total cost = \$12-17 million, with completion around 2033-2035

**Jerry and Deb:** It's not likely that we can get onto the Fall town agenda, with this document still in progress; also, making the space in M&M Bldg.9 usable would cost about \$1 million. **Linda:** can we look at smaller spaces? Can we get through the coming winter with the existing facility? **Chris:** beware of "talking the shortcomings into existence" which could lead to closure of the existing facility without any alternative.

**4. New Business:** Jerry will contact Mill & Main on 8/16 for more hard information on spaces available.

**5. Public comment:** Thanks to Glenn Koenig for his timely comments throughout, and for referring us to his previous in-depth articles (October 3 and December 18 in particular). He will focus on the Senior Center story in the near future.

### **5. Next meeting and adjournment**

Our next meetings will be on 9/5/24 and will be hybrid (in person and zoom). Jack moved to adjourn, seconded by Paul; adjourned at 8:49 PM by unanimous vote.