

TOWN OF MAYNARD SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE **Meeting Minutes**

September 5, 2024, 7pm

Final 9/19/2024

Hybrid meeting (in-person at 195 Main Street, Maynard, and remotely via ZOOM)

(This public meeting was recorded.)

Present:

Jerry Culbert, Chair
Deb Roussell, Vice Chair
Dan Shields, Clerk
Mary Mitzcavitch
Paul Guthrie
Jack MacKeen

Mary Ann Bassett
Mark Koenig
Amy Loveless
Stephanie Duggan
Linda Holt (Liaison, FinComm)

Absent: Joshua Morse, Chris DiSilva (Liaison, Select Board)

1. Meeting Opening

Jerry Culbert called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes for 8/15/2024: Paul Guthrie suggested one minor wording correction. **A motion was made** by Jack MacKeen and seconded by Deb Roussell approve the minutes as amended. **Motion carried, 8-0** with two abstentions.

3. Working Group Report: Real Estate Review

Jerry referred to the draft SCC presentation by Josh Morse that was discussed at great length in the prior SCC meeting. Jack MacKeen then walked through a newer, smaller draft of the presentation intended to be made to the Select Board in their meeting of October 1, the last SB meeting before the upcoming Town Meeting. Highlights from this presentation include the following points:

- The current interim location for the Senior Center is inadequate and rapidly deteriorating.
- Attendees at the Fall 2023 Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly in support of funding for an improved Senior Center, in a non-binding vote.
- Permanent replacement of the Senior Center would take 7-12 years including key funding votes. Thus, both interim and permanent solutions need to be pursued now.
- The Town must vote specifically to provide funds for interim site leasing before lease negotiations can begin.
- Funding is also needed now for the Feasibility Study phase of a permanent site replacement project, whether through annual budget or Town Meeting override vote plus Election vote.

The draft presentation also provided an overview of three potential interim sites (Maynard Crossing; Mill and Main Bldg 9; 141 Parker Street (two options).

After extensive discussion, **a motion was made** by Jack MacKeen and seconded by Paul Guthrie to make a slide presentation to the Select Board in their upcoming October 1 meeting. **Motion carried, 10-0.** To do this:

- A version of tonight's draft presentation will be emailed to each SCC member.
- Comments from each Member are to be directed to Jerry Culbert by September 12.
- The Real Estate Working Group will then finalize the presentation for SCC review and approval in our next meeting on September 19.
- Following that, Jerry will then forward the approved presentation to the Select Board in time for it to be included on their October 1 meeting agenda.

4. New Business

Deb Roussell suggested that the SCC have a table at the entry to the upcoming Town Meeting to hand out educational materials to the public re the issues SCC is working to address. Jerry Culbert agreed, stressing that a one-page high-level handout would be the most effective approach.

5. Public Comments

Mary Ann Shields (Chair, Maynard Council on Aging) expressed her appreciation to the SCC for the work that has been done to date on behalf of Maynard's current and future seniors.

A motion was made by Deb Roussell and seconded by Mary Ann Bassett to adjourn. **Motion carried 10-0.** Meeting adjourned 8:22pm. **Next meeting:** September 19, 2024 (fully remote)

Approval date: 9/19/2024



Dan Shields, SCC Clerk

Documents

- **MSCC 2024-09-05 Agenda posted.pdf**
- **MSCC 2024-08-15 MinDr DRAFT.docx**
- **Draft v.2 Short form for Oct 1 SB discussion.pptx**