

Report to Commission on Elder Affairs
Senior Center Committee Minutes 5/10/16

Present: Theresa Eckstrom-Chair; Gail Schuyler, Chris Evans, Ursula Hanus, Patty Hainsworth, Amy Waters.

Excused Absence: Tom Cullinane

Theresa called the meeting to order at 4 pm. The minutes of April 12th were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for June 14th.

Finances: Amy reported and the Committee discussed the following: The FY'17 proposed tax levy is virtually level funded to FY'16 but the City Council has not approved it yet; The FY'17 state COA line item was increased by the House but the legislative process continues; Greater Worcester Community Foundation is considering the proposal Elder Services submitted which could provide funding for our evidence based programs; Patty worked with ESWA to submit a proposal to MCOA which was granted to fund the Memory café this year and FY'17; Various options for FY'17 allocations were reviewed and the Committee agreed to wait until June to make recommendations to the Commission; the leases are "status quo;" the City Administration is in the process of finalizing plans for the parking lot and Anderson building.

Operations: Patty reported that: the landscaping is going well and was aided by a volunteer Earth Day clean-up; the HVAC upgrade is still in the planning stage; and that the annual floor stripping and sealing is in process on the ground floor. She also reported on programs: Shared Worlds, Mother's Day, Sheriff's Symposium, Fitness Vouchers, community gardens, and the upcoming Veterans event and summer concert series.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. m/s/a