

## **Charlotte Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2024**

Present: Lane Morrison, Ron Ulmer, Carl Herzog, Bill Pence, Polly Price,  
Beth Merritt, Wally Gates, Lori York, Louise McCarren, Nate Bareham.

Minutes for January 3, 2024 were approved.

### **Board President's report**

The Selectboard approved our 24-25 budget. The Friends agreed to pay to replace oil tank (quote from Patterson: approximately \$3,800). With no in-person Town Meeting this year, voting will be by Australian ballot by March 5.

### **Treasurers' reports**

Carl reported an 11.7% increase in the value of our investments in 2023. He also detailed our current town budget and available Friends funds. Wally reported on our meals account. We voted to transfer \$10,000 from our checking account to our brokerage account; Carl and Wally will choose which Fidelity funds to move this to.

### **Senior Center Director—see attached report and other documents**

- Hiring for the coordinator position is now on hold.
- A 4<sup>th</sup> cooking team is being formed; Sean will then cover the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday lunches.
- Lori's goal is to have the database up and running by March 1. She will begin working remotely on Monday afternoons with Lane, Bill and Lisa Kiley able to provide coverage and may add Wednesday mornings for which she will need board coverage. She will also consider reducing Wednesday afternoon activities.
- She plans to apply for a \$1,500 SCHIP grant to buy 4 headset microphones and 2 speakers. Classes and programs will be more accessible for those with hearing issues when instructors/presenters use this audio equipment.
- Senior Resource Fair planning is well under way. Board members will again transport presenters to and from the parking lot at the Congregational Church.
- The Shelburne Special Service grant was approved for FY2025.
- The center will host an intergenerational Eclipse Program featuring UVM's solar system ambassador.
- Nate joined the discussion, commenting on Lori's workload in managing the Center with the Coordinator position remaining unfilled and adding helpful input and support.

### **Other business:**

- Bill plans to apply for an AARP grant and asked for input on options. After discussion he will focus on several, including support for our lunch program and offering a podiatry clinic.
- Lane will follow up with Nate re: the Selectboard making contact on the Richardson property.
- We discussed having a summer barbeque, possibly as a fundraiser; Lori will contact Bill Fraser-Harris about organizing this and/or our volunteer appreciation event.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Merritt

**Next regular meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**