

# Charlotte Senior Center Board Meeting

## Minutes for Wednesday August 6, 2025

Attendance: Ron Ulmer, Polly Price, Lori York, Carl Herzog, Magdalena Naylor, Susan Hyde, Thyleen Tenney, Lane Morrison.

Minutes of the Meeting of July 2, 2025, were approved.

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

- Crosswalk flashing lights were installed on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The visibility of the flashing lights in front of the Senior Center and the Charlotte Library is poor. Lane investigated updating the lights with flashing lights like the ones in Shelburne. A quote was submitted by TAPCO and Lane will order upgraded lights this week. Cost will be \$2,190.40 and will be split with the Charlotte Library. Delivery is estimated to be 2-4 weeks.
- Lane presented a letter to the Charlotte Select Board addressing parking issues at the Senior Center and along Ferry Road. Recommendations to put together a review committee were addressed. The purchase/lease of additional land for parking was also discussed.

### **Treasurers' reports – see attached reports.**

- The Friends Monday meals attendance is good with a nice streamlining of revenue.
- FY 2026 Budgeting process will start soon. Maintenance for 2026 will need to be adjusted due to increased cost. Guidelines for submitting the budget are expected in September. Presentation to the Select Board is likely to occur in October.

### **Director Senior Center – see attached report.**

- The “branding” of the Senior Center was discussed. The term of “senior” is seen as outdated, and many members of the community do not understand the scope of the Senior Center. A review of this issue will be pursued in the future.
- The Fiber Arts Group generously donated a hooked rug titled Tessellated as mentioned in the report. The Fiber Arts Group is exhibiting their work in January. It was suggested that a raffle for the hooked rug be tied into the exhibit.

### **Kitchen Appliances**

- During the last rental, the smell of propane gas was noticed in the building. The fire department was called, and they noticed that a pilot light on the six-burner stove had gone out. The gas stove and the gas convection oven are nearing 25 years old. Parts are no longer available for the convection oven. Lane will investigate the possibility of purchasing a replacement gas stove and convection oven.

## **Old Business**

- Comcast will continue monthly until Waitsfield Telcom completes the internet connection in Charlotte.
- MOA draft submitted, discussions will be planned soon.
- The skunks have vacated their home under the deck. Ron is in the process of installing a barrier fence around the deck.
- Brandon Tieso will make an AI presentation to the Board on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

## **New Business**

- Annual Fund-Raising Drive already here. We need to review the consolidated mailing list from last year and review new members' registration. Lane has updated the letter and the envelopes. An envelope stuffing session has been scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Magdalena made a power point presentation on strategic planning. The board will consider getting together for a retreat to discuss how the Senior Center should move forward. Areas of concern are enlisting new board members to fill existing vacancies and to replace existing board members as they step down from the board.
- The current board will continue to reach out for potential board members.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 1:00PM**

**Respectfully submitted by Ron Ulmer**