

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MINUTES

May 2, 2018

Meeting opened at 1:30

Members present: David Ketchum, Chris Asselin, Penny Sutter, and Amy Howell

Staff present: Chris Hottle

Motion made by Penny to approve minutes with corrections, Chris A seconded. Approved unanimously.

-Richard Waldo, DPW Director, acting Solar Panel Director, was present to speak about the solar panel installment and transformer placement. Rich explained the transformer for the panels must be close to an interconnection to the building, on same parcel of land and in addition to several other stipulations. The suggested site, being the corner area behind the COA was chosen because it best matched the criteria. Chris H is concerned about noise level of transformer in combination with other white noise components. The DPW Director stated that the noise generated by transformer would be similar to levels of a refrigerator.

-Solar panels are going on the shingled roofs, will provided better protection against leaks.

Redoing all rubber roofs will correct the seams where flashing was improperly installed.

Substructure has rotted away. Bid on work is active now, roof work to begin by July.

-COA kitchen hood - must upgrade exhaust fan. Will be a two-day project.

-The board feels the departments within VMCC should have been informed long before the decision of installing solar panels was made. Limits COA from future use. The placement of the emergency shelter had interfered with COA plans for utilizing an outdoor area for senior enjoyment. Rich will discuss board's concerns with solar panel committee.

Directors Report

Will discuss with Brandon Motta, Rec Director, about the possibility of seating area for seniors in Motta Field, possibly installing shade structures.

New administrative assistant hired, Shannon Corea, who had been administrative assistant for Truro fire department for 10 years as well as Fire Captain.

Secretary Bonner's visit on the 23rd will be two hours, consisting of a brief tour, followed by a round table discussion with town officials. A meet and greet with senior will follow. Focus of the secretary's visit will be senior housing.

Next meeting is June 6th. Meeting adjourned 3:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Howell, Clerk