

**Regular Meeting of the Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee held Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Shirley Hodson, Ronald Blanchard, Albert Lapierre, Raymond Menard**

**(regular members) and Richard Rouleau (alternate voting member); Town Council Liaisons Nancy F. Binns and John Michael Karmozyn, Jr.; Planning Board Liaison Bruce Ferreira**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Mona Minutelli (regular member), Bertha L'Esperance and Kathan Mospaw Lambert (alternate members) were absent**

**1. That the question of approving the minutes of the regular meeting of the Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee held on August 19, 2009; and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up.**

**VOTED to accept as printed.**

**Motion by Ronald Blanchard. Seconded by Richard Rouleau. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Shirley Hodson, Ronald Blanchard, Albert Lapierre, Raymond Menard, and Richard**

**Rouleau. Mona Minutelli, Bertha L'Esperance and Kathan Mospaw Lambert were absent.**

**2. Review/consider/act on pending issues:**

**A. Discussion of the special election relative to a town senior center.**

**No discussion.**

**B. Consideration and action related to the funds currently available to the committee.**

**The committee agreed not to apply for funding until after the special election.**

**C. Discussion of Town Council Informational Session held on August 24, 2009.**

**Shirley Hodson stated that while the session went well, she was disappointed by the discourteous and rude behavior of citizens who appeared to only be there for the purpose of disrupting the meeting. She apologized to those who attended the meeting for information which was not allowed to be presented.**

**Mrs. Hodson also commended the administrative staff, the Town**

**Council and Raymond Menard for their efforts in communicating the information to the public.**

**Other discussion:**

**Raymond Menard reported that the Town of Lincoln recently received bids for an 11,000 square foot senior center. Bids ranged from \$3.4 million to \$4.4 million, demonstrating that the economic climate is right for a building project.**

**There was also discussion of:**

- The library construction project and misconceptions of the final cost to taxpayers**
- How the lack of local media coverage effects the information people get**
- The feasibility of building a senior center on the Columbus Club property, the Pascoag Main Street gas station property or the Stillwater Mill complex**
- The Town Council's obligation to do due diligence**
- The current economic climate and its potential effect on future building projects and availability of grants**
- The Ocean State Power tax treaty**

**3. Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings.**

**None**

**VOTED to adjourn at 10:51 A.M.**

**Motion by Ronald Blanchard. Second by Albert Lapierre. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Shirley Hodson, Ronald Blanchard, Albert Lapierre, Raymond Menard, and Richard Rouleau. Mona Minutelli, Bertha L'Esperance and Kathan Mospaw Lambert were absent.**

**Christine Mulligan, Administrative Aide**