

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

PRESENT: Chris Morin (Chair), Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Andrew Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Mike Nicholson, Mike Schiavi, and Mike Soares.

Members not present: Aldo Cecchi, Jeff Niro, John Tennaro and Vinny Valastro

Also present: Tom Brown, Town Accountant; Mike Walsh, Selectman; Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst

Media: Kevin Rudden, Town Crier

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Milford Youth Center: Reported: There were 90 average members in September with an estimated yearly average of 580 members. Snacks are provided every day; there are 3-4 structured programs offered every day; monthly events are provided. There are 100 volunteers for 2017. Monthly events are provided; the center will receive grants this year; full time employees are now receiving paid salaries. There has been an increase in sports; there are 35 organizations using the facilities; there are out of town and in town ventures; they also help with Special Olympics; had summer camp 7 weeks from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. with fees for children 8-14 years of age and over 95 families participated

Operating budget- there is an increase in staff from last year and they have received donations in the amount of \$13,000. There is a water problem in the basement which is being taken under review by the renovation committee and the contractor has come forward to take on the problem but must wait until spring due to weather conditions. There are no issues with the heating.

MWRTA Bus Transportation: Scott Crisofulli reported that in one year they have had 10,044 riders. Discussions: Committee asked if it is worth keeping the bus or is it better to hire more vans for the Senior Center and have them take door to door calls for riders. There is an average of 20 persons on round trips per day. Three benches will be made by the Eagle Scouts for three stops. They are trying to keep the routes as consistent as possible but changes will be necessary due to some stores moving.

Milford Senior Center: Sue Clark reported that 83,283 seniors were served through events this year. The Center is in need of service center money to create information for benefit services. The senior population is growing and the Center should grow with it. 32 percent of the town's population are seniors. The Center provides out of town transportation for medical appointments. The building is in good condition. The sidewalk was fixed. The parking lot is sometimes used by other business and creates a problem for parking for seniors. The Selectmen will look into this.

Chris Morin reported on the requirement of committees bringing articles before the Finance Committee. Discussion: When the FinCom doesn't hear from committees/individuals to come before the FinCom with articles, what can the FinCom do? Is it in our by-laws? Then the Moderator should stop it because it is against the by-laws.

There will be no meeting in December.

Chuck Miklosovich moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents referenced: Milford Senior Center – Summary of Activities