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MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES JUNE 9, 2016

Present: Wendy Oberg, Marcy Sanders, Craig Benard, Pat Melady, Jim Ball, Gerry Kerins, Jason Ulstad, Heather Castrilli

Absent: Sheri Purcelli, Bennet Pudlin, Austin Hall, Laurie Murphy, Dale Kach

Meeting was called to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Gerry Kerins.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved by Wendy Oberg, seconded by Jim Ball. All in favor.

Public Comments: Jim and Barbara Ryan attended to observe the commission meeting.

Tax Relief Update: Overall support exists for tax relief proposal. The BOS assigned a committee to re-write the ordinance for the town and revise the proposal. The committee is composed of members from the BOS, BOF and current tax relief committee. Among the points to revise will be the sunset date, issues around trusts, and review dates for applicants (i.e. every five years). The committee is expected to complete revisions by September, then it will go to referendum.

Financial Report: No financial report was discussed this month. Heather represented Austin stating there were no unforeseen expenditures.

Activities Report: The activities report was not discussed this month.

Discussion of the Role of the Senior Services Commission: Craig led a discussion on the role of the senior services, proposing that the commission serve in a more project-oriented, fundraising role than advisory role, working to provide financial resources to Madison's seniors. Marcy agreed with focusing on completing specific projects, while keeping sight of our strategic goals. Discussion ensued around potential conflict of interest with the MSC participating in fundraising. Craig offered to inquire about fees/processes for setting up a nonprofit with a fundraising focus.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm. Next meeting on July 14th, 2016.