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## **MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES AUGUST, 2016**

**Present:** Wendy Oberg, Marcy Sanders, Jerry Kerins, Austin Hall, Lori Murphy, Dale Kach, Sheri Purcelli, Craig Benard, Jim Ball

**Absent:** Bennet Pudlin, Pat Melady, Jason Ulstad, Bruce Wilson

**Meeting was called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM by Jerry Kerins.

**Commission Members' Comments:** Jim Ball brought up that point that the Shoreline Arts Alliance (SAA) has decided not to support Academy renovations projects. He noted personal disappointment in this decision.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved by Wendy, seconded by Jerry. All in favor.

**Tax Relief Update:** Austin summarized that the tax relief ordinance had been reviewed by the BOF along with remarks from the attorney. The ordinance had been revised and is now back for review by the town attorney. Once completed, the ordinance will be approved by the BOF, then be presented at a town meeting. The ordinance does not need to go to referendum. It should be ready for the 2018-2018 budget year.

**Discuss Senior Commission bylaws, Charge, Friends of Madison Senior Center:** Craig led the discussion centered around the role of the Madison Senior Commission in meeting the MSC mission and potential opportunities to expand the senior commission role going forward. The discussion addressed:

- 1) Drafting an ordinance (or charter) for the senior commission to provide direction for future commissions
- 2) Reviewing existing bylaws for relevancy and consistency amongst latest drafts (since a few sets of bylaws have been circulated)
- 3) Examining how the Friends model fits into the senior commission role. "Friends" would be conceptualized as a fundraising and service provision group for seniors.

After much discussion about options for fundraising organization (i.e. begin a Friends non-profit, become part of the Madison Foundation's "umbrella") we discussed the following next steps to gather more information about options.

- 1) Determine the nature of an "ordinance"- or paperwork needed to formalize the senior commission role and direction
- 2) Gather and organize information we have about non-profits and how they use a fundraising arm.
  - a. Craig has gathered a wealth of information from other sources and senior centers
  - b. Contact the Bauer Park Committee to understand how it relates to the Beach and Rec.
  - c. Seek to answer the question: Can the Madison Senior Commission (members) raise and direct funds to the Madison Foundation to be used for senior projects.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:50 pm. Jerry Kerins closed the meeting. Next meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Sanders