

Community Center Planning Committee
Minutes May 2, 2012

Present: Helen Koss (Chair), Sandy Stagner, Polly Bancroft, Shelley Barnes, Fred Roentch, Myrna Harrington, Dolly Beauchain, Marilyn Martin, and Betty Whipple. Mary Lou Huffling and Mike Jasmine present by invitation to discuss Food Shelf plans.

Food Shelf and Friendly Meals :

Helen presented a brief outline of the history of the Community Center project.

Mike spoke to the need for a permanent facility for both Food Shelf and Friendly Meals. He hopes to get town support from Alstead, at least the donation of land which has actually been purchased in part for that purpose. He also hopes to have a building in a couple of years. He further hopes other towns will chip in on maintenance costs, but plans to go forward regardless.

Mary Lou commented that she has tried never to be a burden to any town, and has never asked any town for money. She and Mike agreed that a board will have to be formed to make getting grants possible.

Secretary's Report accepted with correction

Treasurer's Report: No report

Old Business:

1) Food Shelf/Friendly Meals intersection:

We agreed to go ahead with our revised plans in expectation of FM/FS resolution.

2) Plans:

Everett and Marilyn will work with Chris Carbone on more exact plans. One change will be to position a stove on an outside wall to save on venting.

3) Fundraising:

Helen expects to hear back from Charlie Bass's office by the end of the week. She wants Kelly Ayotte's office to look into the possibility of a Community Block Development Grant such as the town of Saxton's River received.

Helen has sent letters asking for grants to two local businesses, and has two more in process both of which require more information from us.

Helen distributed completed solicitation letters to committee members.

Next Meeting Tuesday May 8 at 7:00 p.m. Sen. Bob Odell of Claremont will be present.