



MINUTES
Senior Center Advisory and Design Committee
Administration, Third Floor Memorial Building
14 Park Place, Vernon, CT
May 1, 2017

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1. **Introduction of Membership** – The following members were introduced: Town Council Members: Ginny Gingras; Steve Wakefield ; Senior Center Director Maureen Gabrielle; Senior Center Liaison, Bill Campbell; Senior Center Advisory Chair, Carol Slattery; Senior Center Representative Wes Shorts; Citizen Representative John Kopec; Public Works Director Robert Kleinhans; Town Administrator John Ward and Mayor Daniel A. Champagne.

Following the introductions Mayor Champagne discussed the project moving forward, relative to input, timeline and senior involvement. Two groups are needed with representatives from both sharing ideas and working through the process.

Mayor Champagne shared that there are a few loose ends still to reach the closing. The first is a rear driveway issue that needs to be defined and leaving the option open for the owners to still receive mail at the 135 Bolton Road location. The Mayor will work with the seller to reach an agreement on these two final issues and set a closing date.

2. **Mission of the Senior Center Advisory and Design Committee** – The mission was defined by Mayor Champagne as “Guiding the process of the development of the New Vernon Senior Center”.
3. **Discussion of Possible Designs** - Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works presented a document relative to the list of items to be presented to the Architect that he sees as the first steps. Bill Campbell shared a document relative to the path he sees as being the one to take. A discussion took place. Timeline is short and while Mr. Campbell’s ideas are good ones it is suggested to not make it more complicated than it is.

A general discussion took place covering subjects like room make up; supplies, inside and outside spaces. It was decided that a meeting should be held soon to get as much input from the Senior Center membership and seniors at large to make sure that we design something that will work for them. It was determined that within the next two weeks this meeting would be scheduled and a “fact finder” form would be put together. This form would be distributed at the Center, sent via mail chimp and put on the home page asking for suggestions.

3. **Next Meeting** - the next meeting is set for May 15, 2017 11:00 AM in the Mayor’s Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wheelock, Recording Secretary

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