

Board of Selectmen
March 27, 2007

Present: Kenneth F. Troup
Panny Gerken
Curt Plante

The Board of Selectmen met with the senior citizens at the Bolton Country Manor at 11:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

The Board of Selectmen met with the Seniors to discuss the Community Preservation Act. Also present was Martha Remington, Historical Commission and Doug Storey, Affordable Housing Partnership.

Mr. Troup provided a summary of the Community Preservation Act stating that the adoption of the Community Preservation Act would allow communities to receive state matching funds up to 100% for projects to preserve open space, preserve land for recreational use and historic preservation, and provide affordable housing.

The Seniors expressed concern with costs increasing at such a rate that retirees will have to move out of Bolton. Some felt the town was taking on a lot of projects and they would like the Board of Selectmen to find a way to not put such a burden on the seniors of the town.

Ms. Remington stated initially she was against the Community Preservation Act when it was presented to the town in 2000. With the surcharge going into an interest bearing account she now feels it is beneficial to the town for projects such as a town vault or historical building renovation.

Mr. Storey stated that any decision to spend funds would have to be approved at town meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The seniors brought up concerns about the condition of the senior housing building that included the parking, air conditioning not being repaired, the building being dirty, the front door not locking correctly, etc. The Board of Selectmen recommended that a list be provided to them so it could be passed on to Paul Teixeira, of RCap Solutions.

Ms. Ross gave an update on the MART van stating that we had been approved by MART for a van. We were in the process of advertising for drivers for the van and once hired would need to complete a training through MART. We are in the process of becoming CORI certified and potential drivers would also need to go through a Criminal Records check before being hired.

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR – INCREASE IN HOURS

The Board of Selectmen met with the Council on Aging to discuss their request to increase the Council on Aging Director's hours from 15 to 20 hours per week. At 20 hours per week this would be a benefited position. The addition of 5 hours would be used to do paperwork and

spend time with the seniors. On a motion made by Plante and seconded Gerken, the Board of Selectmen approved the increase from 15 to 20 hours. (Troup – yes, Gerken – yes, Plante – yes) Ms. Chmielowski's hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the senior center and will be allowed two flex hours per week.

Meeting adjourned.