

CABOT LAND RE-USE COMMITTEE

365 BOSTON ROAD

BILLERICA, MASS.

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2018 FEB -8 AM 10:01
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Mary McBride – Chairman Darleen Torre – Vice Chairman David Gagliardi – Secretary

Sandra Giroux Mike Riley John Burrows Dan Burns Mike Rosa

Donna Fitzgerald Betsy Gallagher Bob Correnti Jim Spinalli Vincent McDonald

MINUTES 1/9/18

Members present: McBride, Torre, Gagliardi, Giroux (7:23), Riley, Burrows, Burns, Rosa, Fitzgerald, Correnti (7:08-8:06), McDonald (7:02)

Members absent: Spinalli, Gallagher

C.T.O - 7:00 pm

Open Mike: Debbie Roland of Mathew Rd. gave a presentation requesting a Peace Garden, in honor of her son Jesse who died of an overdose, be considered for inclusion in any recommendation made by the Committee. (Letter attached) She also suggested that the Peace Garden would be for all Billerica residents who have lost loved ones to addiction.

Jaqueline DiPersio of Cedarwood Rd. and Joanne Michaud-Porembe spoke in favor of the idea.

Minutes of 10/11/17: Motion to approve made by Mike Rosa, second by Dan Burns.

Vote: 10-0-1 (McDonald)

A letter from Jeanne Patel-Bushnell, Director of the Billerica C.O.A. was presented. The letter outlined an idea for a Community Center, inclusive of a Senior Center, be considered for the Cabot site. (Letter attached)

Much discussion ensued with comments and suggestion being made by several members.

A suggestion was made that a more comprehensive map of the site was needed in order for the Committee to make its recommendation. A counter argument was made that the Committees charge is to offer a recommendation based on the concepts presented and not the details of the concepts and that a more comprehensive map is a future step in the process and a more comprehensive map would cost approximately \$10K for which the Committee has no budget.

Other suggestions included placing a Senior Center at other locations such as the Vining or old Ditson Schools or rehabbing the current building.

Mr. Steve Sloan of Belmont, a member of the Sudbury Valley Trust gave input on the site from a conservation standpoint.

Marliese Henderson and George Simolaris also made statements.

Next meeting: T.B.D.

Motion to adjourn made by Mike Rosa, second by Mike Riley.

Vote: 10-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

David Gagliardi - Secretary