

MINUTES, SEPT 16

The board of the Maple Corner Community Center at a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, approved a budget of \$34,975 for fiscal year 2020, which began on July 1. The proposed budget, which must be approved by MCCC full membership at its annual meeting on Sept. 29, is \$300 more than last year's budget.

Attending the meeting were Board President Dirk Van Susteren; and members Jamie Moorby, Steve Sweeney (treasurer), Anne Marie Shea and Peter Burke. Andrew Nemethy and Carolyn Morton could not attend.

Moorby, who is the community center's operations manager, reported that three mature trees in the back of the center will probably have to be cut because either their roots will likely interfere with the center's septic system, or, because of rot, they may be a threat to the building.

Jamie reported that two members of the community have said they would be willing to cart away the wood after it is cut to help reduce expenses, but she also noted that removal of one tree would likely necessitate use of a crane and the cost for the whole project might be as high as \$6,000. She said she would be getting firm cost estimates before the annual meeting.

Because of the unexpected expense, the board agreed to put off until next year the planned repairs of the bulkhead.

The board also approved the purchase of several large pots for soup and pasta for the kitchen, plus a new coffee maker. Jamie said the commercial coffee pot that has been used for several years sometimes works and sometimes doesn't. Most other items in the proposed budget are level funded.

Jamie also introduced Caity Kaye to the board, who has agreed to chair the center's program committee. She has been an active program committee member for a couple of years. The board voted unanimously in favor of her appointment. Caity already had assumed some responsibilities as program chair, helping to organize the Community Corn Roast, which, though the day was overcast, was considered a big success.

Van Susteren mentioned plans to have another dinner at the center; this one, possibly in early December, would put pasta on the plates and feature live music. He also reported receiving an inquiry from the group raising funds to refurbish the Robinson Sawmill. The group was wondering if and how the community center might help with this worthy endeavor.

Submitted by Dirk Van Susteren and Jamie Moorby