

Maple Corner Community Center Board Meeting

June 23, 2021.

Present: President Dirk Van Susteren, Andrew Nemethy, Carolyn Morton, Jamie Moorby, treasurer Bill Powell

The MCCC board met to work on a proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 to present at the annual meeting and discuss a major expenditure for drilling of an artesian well on the south side of the MCCC building.

Treasurer Bill Powell led a discussion of a proposal to revamp the water system at the MCCC, spurred by concerns about the old piping from the wellhead, whose age made it increasingly prone to failure, as well a consensus that the existing shared water system with two other properties is problematic in the long range.

Powell updated the board on a bid from Manosh well drillers and also on a related proposal to convert the existing electric hot water system to a propane on-demand hot water system better suited for the usage at the MCCC. Powell noted that a long-range plan for the hot water system had anticipated improvements and estimated a \$2300 cost. In previous discussion, the board had backed the savings and benefits of an on-demand heater that can provide hot water for dish washing continuously during big dinner fundraising events. It would also eliminate the energy costs of heating water in a tank during long periods

when there is no demand at the center.

Regarding the well drilling, Powell said the costs were “not nailed down” but estimated it would be \$7,700 with grouting of the well, with around \$2,000 for plumbing of the new hot water heater once the well is installed. He explained a \$1,000 deposit would be required to go ahead with the drilling of the well; no timeline had been received from Manosh on when the well could be drilled.

Having received Powell’s report on the well situation, the board went through the budget line item by line item, noting that both income and expenditures in the current 2021 budget were below estimates due to the COVID-19 pandemic’s effects. Discussion also centered on the difficulties of planning for fund-raising events and revenues from usage in light of the ever-changing dynamics of the pandemic. That included whether, and how many, regular renters would return to their previous usage of the center after using Zoom and remote meetings. Planning a budget, as a result, involves considerable uncertainties.

The only major adjustment in the proposed budget for 2022 was to appropriate \$10,500 for the well work and hot water heater in hopes the well could be drilled this fall.

The board asked manager Jamie Moorby to leave briefly to discuss her salary. It approved a 5% pay raise in the

budget for Moorby, from \$410 to \$430 monthly. Carolyn Morton noted the pandemic was requiring extra work to manage usage of the MCCC and meet health and safety guidelines and inform the public.

After line item review, Treasurer Powell with Andrew Nemethy seconding the motion, moved to present an annual meeting budget of \$31,766, with an expected shortfall of income of \$1,716. However as Powell noted, there are extensive reserve funds from previous budgets to make up any shortfall. The board then unanimously approved the proposed budget.