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TOWN OF ELLINGTON
TOWN SERVICES OFFICE**ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE****September 23, 2013 Minutes**

Anwar brought us up to date on the status of the new Senior Center – all seems to be going to plan.

Doris informed us that the Bond Counsel has met and that our Chief Financial Officer said that he expects to take \$100,000 in donations to reduce the bonding. When asked how he came up with that figure, Doris wasn't sure of the answer. The committee can't understand how he can use such a number unless he anticipates taking some of the funds raised in the Capital Campaign solely designated for purchases of furniture, fixtures, and equipment that would not be covered in the bonding amount agreed to by Ellington taxpayers.

The Chairman, Wayne Reynolds, said that he had sent an email to our Chief Financial Officer on December 1, 2012 asking where the \$10,000 contribution he received as well as the \$3,000 one that were given to him prior to our Committee forming. He said that Nick never answered the email that also contained a number of other questions he had on his bookkeeping.

Since we do not know what will happen to any additional funds raised in our Campaign, we agreed to do nothing new at this time until we hear from our Chief Financial Officer regarding the status of our fundraising account. Erin was asked to check into it with Nick.

Erin provided us with information on our fundraising numbers and she indicated that \$52,295 has been received so far with additional pledge payments still due. We have raised over \$102,000 since we netted \$50,658 from our golf tournament.

The Committee agreed that the \$50,658 raised in the golf tournament and the other \$13,000 Nick received as donations should be used to reduce bonding, but was adamant that monies raised in the Capital Campaign should only be used for new purchases of Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment once the Permanent Building Committee informed Erin that the monies allocated for FF&E in the bonding have been depleted.

Wayne informed the Committee that letters went out to all donors who completed their pledge payment towards a particular item on the Supporting Senior Life Tree. The letter indicated the item they had sponsored, the number of letters per line available for inscription on it, and asked that they be returned to the Senior Center so we can start the process of inscribing the items for the tree.

Wayne said he sent an email to the head of the Human Services Commission with carbon copies to Doris and our First Selectman requesting that the form for filing a grant application with the Hartford Foundation For Public Giving be completed and mailed to it. He said in the email that he would be happy to make any presentation that the Hartford Foundation For Public Giving would require regarding the grant application. No response has been received on the email.

No other fundraising activities were discussed since we weren't sure of what would happen to those funds,

Erin said she would let us know of the items she would like to purchase for the Senior Center and requested that we meet with her on 11/12/13 @ 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Center for that discussion.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Reynolds". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.