



TOWN OF HUDSON

Senior Affairs Committee



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Minutes June 15, 2016 Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Attendance
 - Sue Hovling
 - Gwen Bujnowski Madry
 - Steve Porter
 - Angela Saucier
 - Joanne Snook
4. Absent
 - Joe Cannava
 - Nancie Caron
 - Shirley Durivage
5. Non Members Attending
 - Lori Bowen- Senior Services Coordinator
 - Dave Yates- Recreation Director
6. Public Input- None
 - Last meeting minutes approved 5-3
7. Coordinator's Report

The current newsletter is for June/ July/ August 2016 and Bowen has introduced an adult coloring activity to Mondays. The Hudson Senior Center is still offering hearing screenings on the first Tuesday of every month and the Hudson Firefighters are coming in the first week of July to hold a safety seminar.

Bowen would like to welcome back Alicia Seavers from the Bridges of EPOCH. Seavers specializes in Alzheimer's and family coping strategies. The Visiting Nurses are also coming to present information about hospice care and answer any questions one may have.

On August 25th Meals on Wheels is hosting the annual senior cookout and the theme is "luau." It will be held at the Hudson Community Center because the maximum capacity is greater than the senior center. There will be line dancing and a luau show where attendees can learn how to hula. Bowen is also hoping to

have the comedian return again this year. All are welcome to join. Tickets are \$8 per person, if interested please see Lori.

With attendance growing rapidly in line dancing classes, Bowen and the instructor are trying to come up with a plan to deal with the space issue. They think it might help splitting up the class into separate sessions; one at 10:30am, another at 11:45am and the last one at 1pm. It is not definite, but please watch for upcoming changes in the scheduled time slots.

Chairman Porter inquired about if there was ample parking for all members and Bowen replied that due to Wednesday's activities, parking is a little tough. Members will utilize the newly paved Benson's parking lot if necessary.

Hovling asked if the senior center would be listed as a "cooling center" for senior residents if they are in need of air conditioning for health reasons, air quality, and so forth. Yates wasn't sure and Chairman Porter asked Selectwoman Saucier if she could ask the Board of Selectmen.

Madry asked for an update on the Pickleball and Cornhole games in Canava's absence. Bowen said that the center is still working on constructing Cornhole boards and that the Pickleball group has moved outdoors.

Chairman Porter asked about the total registered at the center as of today and Bowen replied 980 members. Porter also asked if Bocce ball was still being considered for an activity at the center and Bowen said that Noah Tardif, the Eagle Scout who built the patio and his sister will be working on the Bocce ball project next. Bowen added that she will compile a list to present to the Council on Aging regarding landscaping materials and patio furniture needed to complete the patio project.

8. Strategic Planning Process

The Strategic Planning Committee has met a few times up to this point with the most recent meeting held on Thursday, October 29th. In those meetings, the members have developed a SWOT analysis and discussed survey questions to improve the level of satisfaction with the center.

After the data is recorded and analyzed, Porter would like to form focus groups to target certain areas to put objectives into motion. In these groups, the committee hopes to form a collective strategic one to five year plan for the Senior Center. The next Strategic Planning meeting will be scheduled after analyzing the data.

9. Other Issues

Chairman Porter inquired about the problem with Bowen's computer at the senior center and if there was a backup plan for any town employee who has a computer problem. Yates was quick to solve Bowen's computer issue by contacting the Hudson IT Department. Bowen was only without for one day.

10. Closing Remarks

Bowen wanted to let all Hudson residents know that the polling committee is looking for volunteers for this year's election. If one is interested, please visit www.hudsonnh.gov, see Lori, or go to the town hall. Bowen also wanted to thank the HCTV for sharing their space with the Senior Affairs Committee. Vice-Chairwoman Snook added that it is nice to see the center grow, she is always happy to be there and enjoys the feeling of community. Chairman Porter wants to thank Charlie Matthews and all the folks at the Rodgers Library for assisting with the surveys. Yates would like to remind all residents that the recreation program is having their registrations this Friday, June 17th.

11. Calendar

Next meeting is TBD.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn 5-3

Total Meeting Minutes 00:35:30