



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Senior Affairs Committee



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### Minutes March 16, 2016 Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Attendance
  - Gwen Bujnowski
  - Joe Cannava
  - Nancie Caron
  - Pat Nichols
  - Steve Porter
  - Joanne Snook
4. Absent
  - Shirley Durivage
  - Sue Hovling
5. Non Members Attending
  - Lori Bowen- Senior Services Coordinator
  - Dave Yates- Recreation Director
6. Public Input- None
  - Last meeting minutes approved 6-0-2
7. Old Business
8. Coordinator's Report

Lori Bowen has scheduled the Hudson Police Department the last Tuesday of each month to come down to the center for "Coffee with the Cops." This is to discuss recent local news, any crucial information the police want seniors to be aware of and to answer any questions members wish to ask the police in an informal way. Also, on April 30<sup>th</sup> the Hudson Police are hosting a "Drug Take Back" program at the police station, plus they will visit the Senior Center that Thursday before for the same event. Please see Bowen for further details.

Another upcoming event is planned at the Senior Center for April vacation. Bowen has a piano concert with two middle school students performing on Tuesday mornings. Last February, Rosita Lee presented three accordion players and the member feedback was encouraging, so Bowen has decided to continue the musical performances. Please come out and support the kids again.

Bowen added a section in the North News this quarter. It is a Senior Spotlight where she tells a little background about a particular member in hopes for all members to become more familiar with one another and it is a way for Bowen to show appreciation for those who help assure the center runs perfectly.

AARP will continue their tax service again this year to Hudson residents as well as the members of the center. The AARP tax professionals will be at the center on Thursdays so please see Bowen for scheduling. Bowen will continue to offer the technology classes for all members who wish to learn how to use their devices on Thursdays as well, so please see Bowen for available openings.

Lucille Boucher has added two new events; a Lobster Cabaret getaway and the Annual Boat Ride. Please see Lucille for tickets and pricing.

Chairman Porter added that in this March/April/May newsletter, Bowen and the volunteers have added the Senior Survey in hopes to assist with the strategic planning process. Completed surveys can be submitted to Bowen at the senior center, Hudson Town Hall or the Rodgers Library. The Strategic Planning Committee asks that all surveys be turned in by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 9. Warrant Article 15

With Warrant Article 15 voted in, the Assistant to the Recreation Department will now be increased to full time position with benefits. Chrissy Peterson, who currently holds the position, will now have the flexibility in her schedule to fill in at the senior center if Bowen wanted to take vacation with her family or aid in implementing new programs at the Recreation Center.

Warrant Article 20 also passed. This article is to allocate funds to build more fields for recreational use or repair existing fields.

#### 10. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. In those meetings, the members have developed a SWOT analysis and a survey to improve the satisfaction with the center.

Chairman Porter asked the town moderator, Mr. Paul Inderbitzen, permission to set up a table at the election on March 8<sup>th</sup> where volunteers could pass out and collect the surveys. During voting hours, the Senior Affairs Committee received over 170 completed surveys. Porter and the other members of the Senior Affairs Committee would like to thank Inderbitzen for allowing us access to such a large group of Hudson residents during the election. As mentioned earlier, the committee wishes to have all surveys returned by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

After the data is collected 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 distributing the survey and analyzing the data.

#### 11. Other Issues

Sue Hovling asked during our last meeting if it was mandated that the Senior Affairs Committee met every month. Gwen Bujnowski brought the subject up again to discuss in greater detail. Bowen met with Dave Yates to coordinate a plan moving forward.

Bowen and Yates feel it would work well if the committee met every three months as the newest newsletter was finalized and printed. In doing this, the Senior Affairs Committee meetings will be more detailed; more ideas will be discussed, and in essence will take longer. The committee can always request a meeting any month on our designated night, the third Wednesday of the month.

If in the event the Buxton Meeting Room is booked for another group, it is possible to hold the Senior Affairs meeting at the HCTv facility. Joanne Snook asked if we could change our meetings from the third Wednesday to the first Wednesday and Bowen said she will contact Jim at HCTv to see if that's feasible.

#### 12. Closing Remarks

Dave Yates wanted to mention that the outdoor Pickleball courts are now open. Yates decided to open the courts early because the weather has been so mild for this time of year.

#### 13. Calendar

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

#### 14. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn 6-0-2

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