



TOWN OF HUDSON

Senior Affairs Committee



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Minutes February 17, 2016 Meeting

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

Chairman Porter inquired about the latest events held at the Senior Center. The Police discussion about scams went perfectly and the technology classes continue to be popular.

8. Coordinator's Report

Total count for the Hudson Senior Center reached 960 members as of February 17th. Lori Bowen is working on the next newsletter for March/April/May 2016. Bowen has introduced some new discussions for the upcoming newsletter; a Parkinson's, a geopolitical, caregiver's stress and Alzheimer's presentations to take place on Tuesdays at 10:30am.

Bowen reported the senior trips are filling up quickly and strongly encourages those interested to please see Lucille. Unfortunately, Lucille had to cancel the Atlantic City trip due to a change in the policy with the travel agency so she will think of some new ideas to fill its place.

Bowen also wants to thank the community for all their donations to the senior library. Bowen had to purchase another bookcase to house all the new books she's received. The library is open to all members and has DVDs, VHS tapes, puzzles, and many other tools to utilize. Due to the Bereavement group, the library will be closed on Wednesdays from 12pm-3pm.

Lastly, Bowen would like to remind all members that the center will be closed if the Hudson schools are delayed or closed due to inclement weather. If one wants to double check, one can find the information on the town's website www.hudsonnh.gov , WMUR or on HCTV.

9. Warrant Article 15

Chrissy Peterson is currently serving as the Assistant to the Recreation Department. This article would increase this position from part time to full time status with benefits. If voted in, Peterson would have the flexibility to fill in at the senior center if Bowen wanted to take vacation time with her family or aid in implementing new programs there at the Recreation Center.

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 29th. In those meetings, the members have developed a SWOT analysis and discussed potential survey questions to improve the level of satisfaction with the center. Currently the committee is researching avenues in funding the survey, distributing the survey, collecting the data, and analyzing the results.

Chairman Porter asked the town moderator, Mr. Paul Inderbitzen, permission to set up a table where volunteers could pass out and collect the surveys there at the election in March. Most recently, Mr. Inderbitzen granted access to do so.

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 was wondering if it was mandated that the Senior Affairs Committee met every month. Selectwoman Nichols believes it is not required that any committee meets every month unless they see the need.

Bowen will meet with Dave Yates to develop a plan moving forward.

12. Closing Remarks

Shirley Durivage, Nancie Caron, and Joe Cannava had nothing to add this evening. Susanne Hovling is happy that everything is running smoothly at the senior center. Joanne Snook wanted to express her deepest condolences to the Seabury family. Mr. Brad Seabury was appreciated and recognized within the community and came to the senior center to join in on a discussion. Gwen Bujnowski wants to express her gratitude to the Hudson Highway Department for taking great care in sanding the roads around town, especially Robinson Road. Lori Bowen wants to add her appreciation to the Highway Department for tending to the senior center parking lot. Pat Nichols would like to extend her condolences to the Seabury family. She has fond memories of Brad and will treasure them forever. Nichols said that the town will miss him terribly.

13. Calendar

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th, at 7:30pm.

14. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn 8-0

Total Meeting Minutes 00:36:50