

Hudson, NH Senior Affairs Committee
Minutes of the June 17, 2015 Meeting

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

Status of Policy

The Board of Selectmen suggested some changes to the policy. Some changes included grammar and the proposed patio location.

Patio Status

The original location was thought to pose a problem with parking so Lori Bowen met with Jim MacIntosh from HGTv and Kevin Burns of the Highway Department to reassess the location. They decided the best position is upon entering the parking lot, on the right side, across from the dumpsters. Trees will still have to be removed from the site to allow Tardif to complete the patio.

Tardif needs to sell 113 bricks to fund the total project and as of today, June 17th he has sold approximately 30. The committee members believe residents are unsure of how to purchase a brick or about the project altogether. If residents are interested in purchasing a brick, donation forms are located at the Hudson Senior Center, Town Hall, and several businesses throughout town. The cost ranges from \$25- \$35 depending on the amount of engraving needed.

Pickleball Update

Bowen met with John Crouse, a volunteer Pickleball instructor, to establish a class at the Hudson Senior Center on Thursday mornings. With using a computer program, SignupGenius, Bowen was able to categorize players based on skill level; competitive,

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intermediate, and novice levels. As of today, Bowen has 25 people signed up, and 4-5 participants are beginners.

According to Dave Yates, the Highway Department drilled the holes in the concrete base for the new outdoor Pickleball courts and the contractor is scheduled to finish both courts Tuesday, June 23rd. Yates and the Highway Department plan on placing benches close to the Pickleball courts for players and spectators to use.

Registration Questions

The 2016 Fiscal Year begins July 1st and all members of the Hudson Senior Center need to re-register. Bowen took the Committee's comments and implemented them in the new application form. She added a "Veteran" and "Which Branch" lines, as well as a "New Ideas" suggestion line. Susanne Hovling mentioned adding a "Vocation" line. Bowen also added "Volunteer Opportunities" for members of the Hudson Senior Center.

Chairman Porter mentioned that one does not need to be a Hudson resident to join the Senior Center, but is required to pay the registration fees to officially become a member. Part-time Hudson residents are allowed to join. The committee discussed the option of prorating the registration fee or keeping the current rate of \$10 per year. The Committee decided against raising/ prorating the fee.

9. Coordinator's Report

Total number of members reached 729 as of June 17th.

Lori Bowen has been working diligently on finalizing next month's newsletter, adding new events to the calendar and getting confirmation for these new events caused a slight delay in the publication.

One of the more popular upcoming events is the BBQ on Monday July 27th. Bowen currently has 79 people registered for the cookout. She expects it to be quite successful. Bowen and Susanne Hovling have collaborated in scheduling a paint night at Graffiti Paint Bar in the month of August. It is \$25/person with a minimum of 15 participants to attain the reduced pricing. If interested, please see Lori Bowen for details. Of existing activities, Bowen says Bingo has been the most popular with 86 people registered and she has set a goal of filling all 96 chairs.

10. Strategic Planning Process

Chairman Porter confirmed the meeting with Elaine Brody on Thursday June 25th and potentially another in September to further develop any goals and objectives regarding attendance and programs within the

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center. He wishes to focus on our existing mission statement, a SWOT analysis, and a senior center survey.

11. Other Issues

Susanne Hovling reminded the committee of the soda machine outside the Senior Center. Lori Bowen said that Town is still figuring out a way to complete that request.

Hovling suggested daily announcements as a reminder to those seniors who have signed up for activities. She suggested it be made around lunchtime so that seniors are reminded of an upcoming event(s) and preventing a missed opportunity.

12. Closing Remarks

13. Calendar

Next meeting is September 16th.

14. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn 7-0

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