

Hudson, NH Senior Affairs Committee  
Minutes of the May 20, 2015 Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Attendance

Gwen Bujnowski  
Joe Cannava  
Nancie Caron  
Sue Hovling  
Pat Nichols  
Steve Porter  
Joanne Snook

4. Absent

Shirley LaFreniere

5. Non Members Attending

Lori Bowen- Senior Services Coordinator  
Dave Yates- Recreation Director

6. New Committee Member Introduced- Nancie Caron

7. Public Input- None

8. Last meeting minutes approved 7-0

9. Eagle Scout Presentation

The project leader, Noah Tardif, proposed the idea of constructing a 14' x 16' brick patio on the backside of the Senior Center. He plans on using two types of concrete bricks, a dark grey and a light grey and the light grey bricks will be engraved. The proposed area has much appeal; an abundance of sunshine, view of a meadow once the trees are cleared, bird watching, and is easy to access. Lori Bowen and Kevin Burns have already approved this area. Now Tardif needs to bring the proposal to the Board of Selectmen.

This project is expected to take 2-4 weekends and the fundraising begins on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Tardif needs to sell 113 engraved bricks to fund project but he anticipates selling more. The total amount of bricks needed to complete patio is 1008.

10. Old Business

Status of Policy

The Finance Director and the Board of Selectmen suggested some changes to the policy. Some changes included changing some words, the location of some information, and adding an Appendix A, B, C.

Pickleball

The contractor finished painting the indoor lines for the court and new equipment was delivered this week. Thus far, Lori Bowen has 40 seniors signed up for Pickleball.

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According to Dave Yates, the skate park conversion is estimated to begin late June 2015. The plan is to convert the skate park into two Pickleball courts and a practice area.

Registration Questions

Gwen Bujnowski suggested a "Refer a Friend" line on the registration form to aid in registration numbers. If Bowen has information for a friend of an existing member then Bowen might be able to convince the friend to join in the center.

11. Coordinator's Report

Total number of members reached 707 on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Lori Bowen added that the Senior Center has a new volunteer, Theresa. Theresa is a home schooled high school student and volunteers about 2-6 hours a week. Her plan for college is to study nursing at the University of Ohio and her current school schedule works nicely with the center's hours.

Bowen also announced that the center was approved to extend operating hours. The center will now be open Monday- Thursday every week. If foot traffic isn't popular on Mondays, they may decide to close Mondays and try Fridays instead. The first Monday the Senior Center will be open is Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

The 2016 Fiscal Year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>; therefore all current members of the Senior Center will have to re-register. In doing this, Bowen can update her records and have a better idea of how many active members there are. The registration forms can be found online.

12. Strategic Planning Process

Chairman Porter suggested having a meeting with Elaine Brody in the month of June and another in September to develop any goals and objectives regarding attendance and programs within the center. He also wanted to touch upon the financials and potential expansion of the center. Porter's goal is to have a 3-5 year plan for spring of 2016.

13. Voting in Officers of the Committee

Chairman- Steve Porter. Nominated by Joe Cannava.  
Vice Chairman- Joanne Snook. Nominated by Pat Nichols.  
Clerk- Gwen Bujnowski. Nominated by Pat Nichols.

14. Other Issues

Joanne Snook believes the Board shouldn't only consider quantity but focus on quality as well. Snook stresses the importance of the senior population enjoying themselves rather than discontinuing activities due to poor attendance.

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Sue Hovling mentioned previously using a Capital Improvement form in the town of Pelham for forecasting money needed for projects. With utilizing this form in the town of Hudson, the committee can bring financials to the Board of Selectmen for aide in developing a plan.

15. Closing Remarks

16. Calendar

Next meeting scheduled for 06/17/2015

17. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn 7-0

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