

## **Senior Affairs Committee Minutes 11/19/14**

Call to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance taken.

Attendance: Roger Coutu = Selectmen Liaison

Dot Jacobs

Sue Hovling

Shirley LaFreniere

Steve Porter

Joanne Snook

Non Members Attending:

Lori Bowen Senior Services Coordinator

Absent: Dave Yates Recreation Director

Last meeting minutes were approved 6-0.

Public Input: None

The Committee went over the Mission statement and there were several recommended changes to the Mission statement. These changes included to change wording from elderly to Seniors, to change monitor activities of Senior Coordinator to Monitor the activities of the Senior Center, to change reference of Senior Director to Senior Coordinator, Senior Coordinator is a non-voting member of the Senior Affairs Committee. Selectmen Coutu made a motion to make recommended changes , seconded by Committee member LaFreniere. The motion was approved 6-0

Lori provided an overview/breakdown of where the registrants from the Senior Center reside. In total there were 575 registrants as of 11/19/14. Approximately 77% of the registrants resided in the town of Hudson which comprises approximately 11% of the Senior population. Lori estimated the number of people attending were approximately 60-80 on Tuesday, 120 Wednesday, 90 on Thursday.

At any one point in time the most people in the Senior is for Bingo when there are approximately 86 people.

Lori provided an overview of the new activities that are now being offered. This included photographer Dave Smith and the Christmas Party.

The preliminary policy was reviewed and a number of changes were recommended and approved.

Briefly discussed was a discussion of maintenance and having the Senior Center cleaned on Thursday morning in addition to the other days currently scheduled. .

The use of a Suggestion Box was discussed and Lori will review the all suggestions and if she finds anything worthwhile to discuss she will bring it to the Senior Affairs Committee.

Initially there was an idea to send out a survey, but it was agreed upon to not send out a survey and to rely on the suggestion box as the vehicle for recommendations to be considered.

Additions to the Center (a capital expenditure wish list was discussed). Some of these items included an additional ramp, a hold bar I one of the restrooms and a partition by the game room. Selectmen Coutu let the Committee know that at the end of the Budget year that the BOS entertains request items for additional items. So if the Committee deems necessary certain items could be brought to the BOS at that time.

Selectmen Coutu discussed the possibility of the a generation being installed at the Senior Center, that would allow the Center to be used by Seniors as a shelter should there be a loss of power.

It was mentioned that overhead expenses be monitored on a quarterly basis.

Discussion was engaged into regarding grants and it was decided that Lori could take a tutorial and perhaps go to a grant writing course, to better understand what needs to be done to obtain grants.

Chairman Porter summarized potential topics of discussion for the next meeting.

Dot Jacobs provided a statement thanking all those that made it possible for her to be on the Committee and helped build the Senior Center. Unfortunately Dot tendered her resignation as she will be moving out to California to be with her family. We all thanked Dot for her efforts and contributions.

Motion to adjourn was approved 6-0.

Public session 2 Hour and 4 minutes