



TOWN OF HUDSON

Senior Affairs Committee



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Minutes September 17, 2014

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance taken

Attendance: Dot Jacobs
Shirley LaFreniere
Steve Porter
Joanne Snook

Non Members Attending:
Lori Bowen, Senior Services Coordinator
Dave Yates, Hudson Recreation Director

Last meeting minutes were approved 4-0.

Public Input: State Representative Robert Haefner stepped forward and made it known as the Chairman of the Hudson Senior Council on Aging, that their committee/group is available to help out the Senior Affairs Committee as much as possible. Chairman Porter welcomed and thanked Representative Haefner for coming forward and let it be known to him and the rest of the Council on Aging that the Senior Affairs Committee welcomes the Hudson Council on Aging to attend any of the Senior Affairs Committee meetings. Both Representative Haefner and Chairman Porter made it known that both groups were willing to help out one another, that each group had similar ultimate goals and objectives (provide as many programs and activities to the senior population as possible), and that it was important to ensure that lines of communication between both groups remained open.

Lori Bowen indicated registration for the Senior Center increased from was 205 as of 6/18/14 to 452 as of 9/17/14. Lori stated that there have been a number of information channels that has resulted in the increase in the registration numbers.

Lori provided an overview of the variety of new programs and activities that are now being offered. This included Bone Builders (2 days a week and HCTV has allowed the use of their conference room due to space constraints), Blood Pressure clinics (once a month), North Barn Presents (a presentation of activities and topics on the 1st Wednesday of the month), Bridge Group and Cribbage Group (on Tuesday Afternoon) Men's Group (monitored by Charlie Matthews), Senior Meeting (2nd and 4th Thursday of each month), Veteran's Meeting starting in November, and Dave Smith will provide a presentation on Glacial Montana sometime in November.

Lori met with the Rotary Club in August and they indicated they would like to get together with Lori for Christmas time to get a wish list together for those Seniors that may need help with food and gifts during the Holiday. They also indicated that they may be interested in helping with other Senior programs and activities and would like to meet sometime in October regarding areas that they could be of help.

Lori also attended a Lions Club meeting and the Lions Club indicated they are interested in helping to provide an outdoor space to enjoy the outdoors in a contained area. This possibly would include a patio where Seniors could either enjoy the view or have some outdoor activities. Lori stated that the Hudson Senior Council on Aging was looking to get approval for a 50/50 raffle as a means to fund such things as an outdoor patio.

Lori provided some detail on some of the upcoming trips that included a boat cruise from Warwick, RI to visit some lighthouses, Wickford Village and Newport Harbor cruise, Winnepesaukee train trip, a Foxwoods trip, a Washington DC in the spring, and trip to New Orleans (via Collette Tours). Dave Yates indicated that these trips have no cost to the taxpayer. A discussion of the policy was briefly entered into. Lori and Dave indicated that the policy was close to completion and that perhaps a completed version could be reviewed prior to the next meeting and voted on.

Joanne Snook had brought up another Agenda item that if a default budget is in place again next fiscal year that we should be proactive and consider ways to make up for the loss of funds that could be incurred. A discussion was briefly undertaken that we should consider additional ways to raise funds to mitigate the loss of funds should a default budget be imposed again.

Lori mentioned the following in closing remarks: that the Friends of Benson Park has a spaghetti supper scheduled in October. She also mentioned a Chinese raffle that was also taking place. TD Bank North was putting in a number of trees on the perimeter of the Senior Center and Dog Park. The United Way donated some time to the Senior Center and cleaned up the grounds both indoor and outdoor. Lori mentioned that a girl scout group was also interested in creating a flower garden.

Motion to adjourn was approved 4-0.

Public session: 35 minutes

Non-public session: 20 minutes