



TOWN OF HUDSON

Senior Affairs Committee



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Minutes 5/21/14

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance taken

Attendance: Dot Jacobs
Sue Hovling
Shirley LaFreniere
Steve Porter
Joanne Snook
Absent: Roger Coutu – Selectman Liaison

Non Members Attending:

Lori Bowen, Senior Services Coordinator
Dave Yates, Hudson Recreation Director

Last meeting minutes were approved 5-0.

Request for public Input: None

Lori Bowen provided an update on the building and landscaping. Lori stated the parking lot was paved and striped, all plants were planted, seeding for grass was completed, signs were being erected, and handicap parking was installed. Lori stated all the outside work would be completed by the Grand Opening. Lori stated that 5 televisions, AV equipment, chairs and tables, were all delivered along with other miscellaneous furniture and kitchen equipment.

Lori stated the Hudson Council on Aging donations were being brought to the Board of Selectman (“BOS”) on Tuesday 5/26/14. These donations include, among other things, various furniture, kitchen equipment, and items donated to the IT Department. These items have been donated by the Hudson Council on Aging over the past few months.

Lori provided some details regarding the change in policy to have all members who belong to the Senior Center pay a fee of \$10.00 annually. Previously, Hudson residents were not going to

have to pay a registration fee and a fee of \$10 was going to be charged to those non-resident members. However, the majority of Seniors in Hudson had expressed that they felt a fee of \$10.00 should be applied to all members. Lori stated that this was going to be brought to the Selectman on 5/26/14 and that anyone who wanted could voice their opinion during a Public Hearing. Lori stated that the fees would be allocated to the Revolving Fund and those funds would be applied to any activities, programs, or equipment needed at the Senior Center.

Sue Hovling asked if the annual fee could be negotiated after year 1? Lori stated yes that it will be looked at and reconsidered after the first year. Dave Yates stated that the BOS had already approved it and that it was essentially a formality for it to be applied for the first year.

Lori provided an overview of the Building Opening Ceremony on Saturday 5/31/14 beginning at 1pm at the new Senior Center, followed by additional activities from 1:30pm to 4pm.

Lori mentioned that an early registration was likely to occur on Wednesday and Thursday 6/27 and 6/28 at the new Senior Center. Lori explained what was going to be given out as identification as a member of the Senior Center.

Joanne Snook asked what was the type of information that would be needed for registration. Lori stated a state ID or a NH driver's license would be acceptable. Lori also stated that the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. had asked that registrants fill out a form for a vile of life, but this is entirely up to the individual and it was simply a safety precaution (emergency info, medication info etc.).

Sue Hovling asked if a parking sticker was needed for the parking lot at the Senior Center. Lori stated that no parking sticker was needed, but we do have limited parking and we are asking individuals who are able bodied to park by Benson Park and that we would allow those who are less mobile to park closer to building. There are ten handicap spots at the Senior Center. Lori mentioned the possibility of putting a Cross Walk and Dave stated perhaps a speed bump to increase the ease of crossing from the Benson's parking lot to the Senior Center.

Lori discussed the activity list and that all activities that had been previously discussed at prior meetings were being implemented along with some new ones (more specifically Tai Chi, Line Dancing, and an AARP driver education in October 2014). Lori also mentioned that St. Joes would be hosting a Barbeque/cookout at the Senior Center on Thursday 6/26, as a "kickoff" for the summer.

Lori discussed some of the highlights of the Bingo meeting and some of the suggestions that resulted. Shirley Lafrienne explained one of the recommendations that was made included a Bingo Box that helps to allow individuals to have more Bingo cards per game. Shirley mentioned a Bingo supply company in Nashua that carries these boxes and other Bingo supplies. Dave Yates mentioned the possibility that he could approach Alvirne's Trade Center about the possibility of constructing the boxes.

Dot Jacobs asked if everyone has to play the same amount of cards. Lori responded that if Bingo boxes are obtained people could play as many as they wanted. Lori also went on to say that they would be having a follow-up Bingo meeting to discuss the type of Bingo games that would be played.

Dave and Lori stated that they will meet to discuss any outstanding policy items prior to the official opening of the Senior Center on Tuesday 6/3/14 at 8:45AM.

A request for nomination for Chairman of the Senior Affairs Committee for the next twelve months was made and Joanne Snook nominated Steve Porter and it was seconded by Shirley LaFreniere. Nomination passed 5-0.

Dave mentioned the fact that a new sign was going to be completed and Lori discussed the rationale for naming the Senior Center.

Next meeting slated for 6/18/14 at 7:30 pm
Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved 5-0.
Meeting time: 32 minutes.