

Senior Affairs Committee Minutes 2/19/14

Call to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance taken.

Attendance: Shirley LaFreniere

Selectman Ted Luszey

Steve Porter

Non Members Attending:

Lori Bowen Senior Services Coordinator

Dave Yates Hudson Recreation Director

Last meeting minutes were approved 3-0.

Lori Bowen provided an update on the building's progress. Lori cited the progress that had been achieved since our last meeting. Lori stated that the building is still projected to be completed in Mid-March. However, furniture, accessories, and landscaping will need to be completed prior to the building's opening.

Selectman Luszey stated that the Hudson Council on Aging had approached the BOS to donate a Bus for transporting the Seniors of Hudson. The bus that reportedly will be purchased is a 16 seat passenger bus. Selectman Luszey stated he had obtained a policy from Alvirne High School to determine what types of policy will be needed. He also stated that there are a number of things that need to be ironed out in advance of receiving the bus, for example operating costs and insurance.

Lori discussed the Pelham Senior Center transportation policy, which she recently obtained. Lori also discussed the typical day to day activities of the Pelham Senior Center Bus transportation system. Seniors who need a ride typically request 24 to 48 hours in advance of when they need to get a ride.

The discussion then shifted toward who would drive the bus and when it would be available in addition to just getting seniors to the center.

Selectman Luszey pointed out that if the bus is accepted how would all the operating costs be funded. There was some discussion on how to determine what the costs would be and how it would be funded. It was broached by Chairman Porter as a means to reduce or cover all the costs of operating the bus, would it be worthwhile to explore having the bus used by another town at a cost for the service. But it was pointed out that there likely would be time constraints that would prevent such an arrangement from occurring.

It was agreed that a formal transportation policy would be developed for the next meeting and reviewed so that it could be presented to the BOS.

Next meeting slated for 3/19/14 at 7:30 pm

Motion to adjourn seconded and approved 3-0.

Meeting time: 39 minutes.