

## **Senior Affairs Committee Minutes 1/15/14**

Call to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance taken.

Attendance: Sue Hovling

Dorothy Jacobs

Shirley LaFreniere

Selectman Ted Luszey

Steve Porter

Joanne Snook

Non Members Attending:

Lori Bowen Senior Services Coordinator

Dave Yates Hudson Recreation Director

Last meeting minutes were approved 6-0.

Lori Bowen provided an update on the building's progress. She stated there has been additional progress in completing the building construction and cited the progress that had been achieved. Lori stated that the building is still projected to be completed in Mid-March but that several steps will need to be taken before occupancy permits will be issued for opening the building to the public.

Lori Bowen stated that she had met with Hudson Police officer Joseph Hoebeke regarding various programs that the Police Department is offering for Seniors. Some of the programs include but are not limited to the following:

- Citizens Police Academy (this will be geared specifically to Seniors)
- Good Morning Hudson
- Operation Safe Return

- Vile of Life

Lori discussed the book donation by author Nancy Merz Nordstrom, that was accepted by the Board of Selectman on Tuesday 1/14/14. The book is titled "Learning Later and Living Greater". The book essentially discusses and provides recommendations for a more active and learning lifestyle after the age of 50. Nancy Merz Nordstrom will be at the Senior Center "Ribbon Cutting" ceremony and will provide free copies of this book to seniors. The remaining books will be used as a welcoming package for those seniors the register for the Senior Center.

The possibility of raising the age of the Senior Center from 55 to 60 was broached. Pros and cons were discussed as other senior centers in the area tend to have a higher age requirement of 60 or older. It was also mentioned that the Board of Selectmen would have to approve any change from the current 55 and over policy. It was agreed that this topic may be again discussed at a future meeting after we have some time to think more about such a change and if it is needed.

Lori Bowen presented the policies and procedure manual that was developed for the Senior Center. Some of the discussion included the following topics:

- Senior Center operating hours. Days of operation initially was from Tuesday through Friday because of the hour limitations that Lori presently has. However, it was agreed that a Monday through Friday timeframe was acceptable as there could be volunteers covering should Lori not be in attendance.
- The Budget will become part of the FY15 Recreation Budget if passed.
- The initial registration date for the Senior Center will be in April, but annually will move to July 1<sup>st</sup> to align with the town's budgetary time frame.
- Standards of Independence and Behavior were discussed.  
Registration forms.
- Health information could be filed by a member of the Senior Center if they chose to do so. That is entirely up to the member if they want to file that information. It was agreed upon to look into any requirements from HIPPA regulations to ensure compliance with those regulations.

- There were some other issues in the policy that were discussed and agreed upon that will be broached with the Town's attorney to ensure legal compliance.

Next meeting slated for 2/19/14 at 7:30 pm

Motion to adjourn seconded and approved 6-0.

Meeting time: 1 hour and 19 minutes.