



TOWN OF HUDSON

Senior Affairs Committee



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Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2013

Call to order and attendance taken.

Attendance: Lori Bowen
Sue Hovling
Dorothy Jacobs
Shirley LaFreniere
Selectman Ted Luszey
Steve Porter
Joanne Snook
Dave Yates

Last meeting minutes were approved 8-0.

Old business was reviewed.

Selectman Luszey provided an update on the Sr. Center HCTV Building construction. Estimated completion remains around early March 2014. It was noted that the Senior Center will have a capacity of approximately 200 people. It was noted that if functions exceeded 200 people that other town owned facilities could be used for Senior activities.

Selectman Luszey reiterated that Vivian Macquire donated office equipment for the senior center and added that it will be delivered.

New Business

Selectman Luszey informed us that the Hudson Council on Aging donated \$24,000 in funds to be used to furnish the commercial kitchen in the Senior Center and an additional approximately \$86,000 for the building.

Originally it was thought that in accepting funds for the commercial kitchen from the Hudson Council on Aging, that the equipment would not have to go out for bid. But at the Selectman mtg on 10/4 it was disclosed that if the town accepted the funds from the Hudson Council on Aging then the equipment would have to out to bid. It was determined to have the Hudson Council on Aging purchase the equipment rather than donate the funds.

The Fairview Nursing Home will be conducting a fundraiser with proceeds going to the Senior Center and Senior activities.

Selectman Luszey stated that the Senior Budget for FY15 was due on 10/4. Lori Bowen and Dave Yates agreed to have a meeting on Monday 9/23 with Selectman Luszey, Hudson Council on Aging Chairman Knowles, and Finance Director Carpentier to get needed info to complete the Budget. Lori and Dave agreed to get the Budget to the members of the Senior Affairs committee by sometime Thursday 9/26.

Discussion was entered into concerning beginning to identify and coordinate senior activities/trips with funds that exist in the FY 14 budget, to hold discussions with members of the Council on Aging and the Friends of Hudson Seniors, and to seek out some volunteers who may be interested in contributing in the coordination of activities.

Engaged in discussion of the possibility of purchasing some equipment like pool tables, chairs, tables.

Some activities like line dancing and different card games were identified as being popular and other ideas were discussed.

A brief discussion was entered into regarding potential fees for "out of towners" who are involved in program activities.

It was recommended to contact Alvirne's Culinary program and restaurant Checkers, to enquire about the possibility of having them cook meals for the seniors, once the senior center opens. It was also reiterated (as has been the case in prior meetings) that we should identify and leverage off the town's programs for senior activities, once the center opens.

Selectman Luszey stated that HLN should be contacted to conduct an interview and present an article about Lori Bowen as the Senior Services Coordinator, to get the word out to the community and keep the Senior Center in the news.

Selectman Luszey asked Chairman Porter to contact Hudson Council on Aging Chairman John Knowles via email to see if he could attend our next meeting in October to enquire about the possibility of having a liaison. Or at the very least devise some sort of communication lines between the various groups and individuals.

Next meeting slated for 10/16/13

Motion to adjourn seconded and approved 8-0.

Meeting time: 2 hour 7 minutes.