

Senior Affairs Committee Minutes 8/21/13

Call to order and attendance taken.

Attendance: Steve Porter

Shirley LaFreniere

Sue Hovling

Dorothy Jacobs

Selectman Ted Luszey

Absent: Joanne Snook

Dave Yates

Last meeting minutes were approved 5-0.

Old business was reviewed.

Selectman Luszey provided an update on the Sr. Center HCTV Building construction. Estimated completion is somewhere around early March 2014.

Selectman Luszey stated that Vivian Macquire donated a copier machine for the senior center.

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.

Senior Center website has not yet been developed and its content needs to be determined.

New Business

Announced the hiring of Lori Bowen as Senior Center Coordinator

Discussion was entered into regarding some of the more important tasks that need to be completed by the Senior Center Coordinator prior to the opening of the senior center. Some of the tasks discussed included but are not limited to the following:

- Meeting with various senior groups in Hudson.
- Finalizing policies and procedures along with an operational assessment.
- Determining the various activities that will serve a broad array of seniors.
- Identify and research grant opportunities.
- Research if non-profit groups can qualify for company donations via charitable organizations (United Way and other programs).
- Determine appropriate fees structures for non-residents.
- Identify reasonable and possible transportation opportunities for seniors.
- Assess what type of content should be included on the Senior Center website and in what format.
- Identify various delivery systems (website, newsletter, HCTV, etc) to keep senior informed as to events and activities

Sue Hovling mentioned that the National Council on Aging was conducting seminar/workshops in Sturbridge Ma either late September or early October 2014. Sue stated that this could be very informative for the new Senior Center Coordinator, as some of the sessions discuss opening of new senior centers and some very relevant topics facing senior centers.

Next meeting slated for 9/18/13

Motion to adjourn seconded and approved 5-0.

Meeting time: 1 hour 11 minutes.