



TOWN OF HUDSON

Senior Affairs Committee



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Minutes September 16, 2015 Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Attendance
 - Gwen Bujnowski
 - Joe Cannava
 - Sue Hovling
 - Shirley LaFreniere
 - Pat Nichols
 - Steve Porter
 - Joanne Snook
4. Absent
 - Nancy Caron
5. Non Members Attending
 - Lori Bowen- Senior Services Coordinator
 - Dave Yates- Recreation Director
6. Public Input- None
7. Last meeting minutes approved 7-1
8. Old Business
 - Status of Policy
 - The Board of Selectmen approved the recommended changes to the policy. These changes included grammar and the proposed patio location.
 - Patio Status
 - Lori Bowen notified the committee that the proposed patio was completed over the Labor Day weekend. Noah Tardif and several volunteers help finish the Eagle Scout project.
 - Bowen expressed that the selected area to build the patio was ideal because it is shaded for a good portion of the day. Bowen also mentioned that the landscaping is almost finished and the Hudson Highway Department will build a paved pathway leading up to the senior patio for easy access.
 - Sue Hovling asked Bowen if they plan to install seating at the new patio. The 15' x 17' patio could hold a bench with a small bistro table and chairs for those members who wish to eat lunch outside. The final arrangement has not been made yet.
 - Joe Cannava asked if residents have the option to still purchase bricks and Bowen explained that Tardif reached his goal to fund the patio project and residents can no longer purchase bricks. Bowen did mention another project is

expected so those who missed the opportunity can do so with the upcoming project.

Pickleball Update

Dave Yates and John Crouse arranged a Pickleball lesson on a Saturday morning in late August and had a great turnout. Yates said there were a variety in age groups who attended and the HGTV agreed to film an instructional video to help others learn the game.

9. Coordinator's Report

Total number of members reached 861 as of September 16th.

Lori Bowen explained that the registration count includes the 2014 members and did not reissue numbers for the 2015 year. Bowen also knew of 4 members who have passed on within the last year so those 4 are in the total count.

Over the summer months, Bowen received help from volunteers, Hope and Theresa, at the Senior Center. In September, Hope returned to Alvirne to start her senior year and Theresa started her freshman year in college. Both ladies promised to return and assist at the Senior Center in the future. Now Isabelle and Amanda have stepped in to volunteer at the Center during the school year.

Bowen was proud to say that the Hudson Senior Center will participate in the vocational job placement program at Alvirne High again this year. Bowen is hopeful that two students will volunteer to be the Center's librarians this year.

Bowen reported 120 members showed for the summer cookout, and general daily attendance was about the same for day-to-day activities. The members are responding well to having Mondays available to them. Line dancing, beginner's line dancing, and aerobic classes are almost full and Bowen is looking into switching some activities around to make space available.

The Sept/Oct/Nov newsletter is out. Most of the activities are the same with the exception of the Technology class Bowen and John, the information technology expert, are launching. This class will focus on new technology such as iPhones, iPads, and iPods. Bowen decided to focus on Apple products since they are the latest craze and the most popular. This class will give seniors the opportunity to learn how to use these devices and ask questions. Later, John plans to expand into Kindles, laptops and other devices.

10. Upcoming 2016 Budget

Bowen explained the proposed budget for the Senior Center in greater detail. These items listed were described as "not overhead." For example, the telephone, newspaper subscription and other publications, the town's leased copy machine and copies, postage and film developing, program materials such as movies or playing cards, copy paper, office supplies, decorations, and small equipment such as a cake plate, popcorn bowls or other similar items. The 2016 budget totals \$36,000 and is the same as last year's budget.

Dave Yates mentioned that all other utilities such as the natural gas and janitorial duties are paid for under the town administrator's budget.

Chairman Porter asked Yates and Bowen where the registration fees go from all Senior Center members. Bowen explained that all dues and trip money are deposited into the

senior revolving account that is similar to a personal savings account. This revolving account was voted in by the taxpayers when the 2015 budget was approved.

11. Strategic Planning Process

The Strategic Planning Board has met a few times up to this point with the most recent meeting held on Thursday, September 10th. In those meetings, the members have developed a SWAT analysis and discussed potential survey questions to improve the level of satisfaction with the center. During our discussions, we uncovered a misconception that Hudson residents think that the Senior Center is taking funds away from the schools and that is untrue. Bowen has taken pride in running a center that is mostly self-funded. The Senior Center costs \$59,531 every year.

The next Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for October.

12. Other Issues

Dave Yates added Keith Snyder, the new maintenance man at the Hudson Senior Center, has come aboard and Yates and Bowen also wanted to thank Leo for his longstanding efforts in maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of the Senior Center.

Bowen wanted to send out a big thank you to the Hudson Highway Department for clearing the area for Tardif to build the patio and for repairing the concrete ramp at the side door. Bowen wanted to also thank Bernie Manor for his time as the “Clerk of the Works” at the Senior Center.

Joanne Snook wanted to thank Selectman Coutu and Mr. Steve Belisia for coming to the center to field any questions from residents. Bowen said the selectman and Mr. Belisia will return for another visit on October 26th.

Selectwoman Nichols wanted to thank Bowen for her hard work at the Center and express her gratitude for a job well done.

13. Closing Remarks

14. Calendar

Next meeting is October 21st.

15. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn 7-0

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