

Senior Affairs Committee Minutes 3/19/14

Call to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance taken.

Attendance: Sue Hovling

Dorothy Jacobs

Shirley LaFreniere

Steve Porter

Joanne Snook

Non Members Attending:

Lori Bowen Senior Services Coordinator

Dave Yates Hudson Recreation Director

Last meeting minutes were approved 5-0.

Lori Bowen provided an update on the building's construction progress. Lori stated that all of the building construction was essentially done and the commercial kitchen was fully complete. Lori stated that some landscaping and paving work in addition to other outside work (fencing, parking lot, dumpster pad etc.) was being conducted. This work needs to be completed before a building occupancy permit could be issued.

Regarding new programs, Lori stated that a Zumba instructor and yoga instructors have been identified for additional programs in addition to a Tai Chi instructor.

Lori stated that that a thorough analysis was conducted by her and Dave Yates regarding the Budget, since the Budget was not approved during the March 11th vote, and a Default Budget is now in place. They identified areas where they could cut items and what they absolutely needed. Dave Yates credited the Hudson Council on Aging as being very valuable because of the funds, equipment and furnishings that they have

donated to the Senior Center and this will allow the Senior Center to function despite the potential budget cuts.

Chairman Porter brought up the fact that there is a possibility the Hudson Council on Aging will donate a Bus but there may not be funds to operate the vehicle. Chairman Porter suggested that perhaps some sort of fundraising activities or alternative revenue streams could be an option in an effort to raise funds to operate the Bus. Sue Hovling mentioned that in Pelham the Senior Center had a Strawberry Festival that raised funds. Joanne Snook stated in Stoneham, MA the Senior Center would sell various second hand households goods (that were donated) over several months to raise additional funds.

Next meeting slated for 4/16/14 at 7:30 pm

Motion to adjourn seconded and approved 6-0.

Meeting time: 29 minutes.

Non-public session was entered into for an additional 30 minutes