# Senior Resources Committee Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Committee January 18, 2022 6:00 PM

#### Location of Meeting:

Sunnycrest Conference Room 268 Mammoth Rd B Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053

**Present at Meeting:** Jim Green - Chair, Catherine Blash - Senior Affairs Director, Deb Desrochers - Secretary, Sherry Farrell, Lois Dziergowski, John Wilson, Barbara Mee - Members

The regular meeting of the Committee of Senior Resources Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on January 18, 2022 at Sunnycrest Conference Room by Jim Green.

## I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

#### **II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

## III. Consideration of Open Issues

- 1. Day Trips
  - Barbara Mee

Premier Coach Co. pricing for day trips to:

Porsmouth 10hrs, Boston 10hrs & Portland ME 12hrs were given by handout to everyone.

Discussion of pricing with everything included was suggested by Catherine Blash. Trips offered by Senior Center include meals etc in pricing.

Jim Green suggested Rec Dept should be included to help day trips be a long term offering to the public. Jim also suggested a ride share program for seniors to be able to see shows locally at the schools and theaters.

#### IV. Consideration of New Business

1. Introduction To Senior Resources Committee Sherry Farrell

Jim Green was unable to hear meeting on phone so he left meeting.

Sherry spoke about previous items that the committee has worked on and asked everyone attending to introduce themselves. Attending was following: Judy and John Noonan Lara Kuzia John Golia Christine Perez Maryann Rork

Christine Perez discussed seniors not voting in our town and possible reasons. Also the SAU building impact on the town.

- 2. Different Meeting Time
  - Catherine Blash

Catherine suggested meetings may be more senior friendly if held during the daylight hours. She said the Senior Center is available Thursday afternoons.

Discussion was also about having meetings every other month switch off afternoon/evening so attract more attendees. It was asked by all that this be added to next months agenda.

3. Website Improvement

It was recommended that the website improvement items be postponed until the next meeting. Everyone agreed.

- 4. Knowledge Of Meetings By Seniors
  - Deb Desrochers

Deb asked if the public is aware that the committee meetings are open to the public. Discussion followed

- 5. Attendance Of Police & Fire Representatives.
  - Lois Dziergowski

Discussion of Police and Fire dept reps coming to committee meetings and committee members going to other committee meetings in town was asked about.

- 6. Veterans Tax Relief
  - Christine Perez

Question was asked if the \$500 tax break can be increased to \$550? This was seniors in town will have a direct impact of an item that the committee has done.

- 7. Speakers
  - Lois Dziergowski

Lois recommended that various speakers should come to the meetings and discuss topics that are involving need in the senior community in Londonderry.

Catherine suggested Public works would be a good topic.

Lois suggested Cart and Caregivers speakers would also be great for information of the needs of Londonderry seniors.

- 8. Meeting Structure
  - Deb Desrochers

Deb suggested that the committee focus on a few goals to be accomplished during the year. There are many great ideas but not all can be accomplished by the committee. Focusing on one or two will keep the committee focused. Barbara suggested new business should be more structured.

Sherry suggested that having a more formal agenda would be following how other committees in town are run. Also the number of members and alternate members needs to be formalized as well as an alternate chair. Everyone agreed.

9. Seniors In Need

Sherry Farrell

Sherry asked how can reach seniors in immediate need? It is a good item to think about before next meeting.

# V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on February 15, 2022 at: Sunnycrest Conference Room 268 Mammoth Rd B Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows: Jim Green will send agenda for next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM by Jim Green.

Minutes submitted by: Deb Desrochers

Minutes approved by: Committee