

Elders Affairs Committee Minutes

Sept 20, 2011

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 PM

Attendance: Stacy Thrall, Susan Haussler, Bonnie Roberts, Kimberly Bean, Helen Conti, Al Baldasaro, John Farrell, Sherry Farrell

Guests: Debra Desrosiers, Susan Antkowiak, Judy Seppala, Kathy Bailey (Londonderry Times)

Absent: Flo Sylva, Dave Howard, Dan Lekas

Old Business

1. Minutes Approved 4-0
2. Al Baldasaro asked about the status of the annual CIP report. The committee was informed that the form was not submitted to the Planning Department. John Farrell recommended that the Planning Board be contact as soon as possible to have the form submitted through an amendment. It was recommended that this form by submitted annually to allow the Senior Center to be maintain eligibility in future grant applications.
3. Al Baldasaro requested the status of the Housing Application with HUD. The committee was informed that the application was submitted and that the committee will anticipate an answer in October. The proposed property is located on Smith Lane between Mammoth Road and Rockingham Road.

New Business:

1. Senior Center is recruiting a Board member aged 55 or over to fill the vacant seat.

2. Develop a goal to partner with the Alzheimer's Association & NH Senior Education Network to educate the public on the needs of the aging
3. The Elders Affairs Committee invited guest speakers Susan Antkowiak, VP of Regional Offices Alzheimer's Assoc. and Debra Desrosiers, member of the NH Senior Education Network to explain their goals so the committee could vote to accept the partnership at the conclusion of the presentation.

Susan Antkowiak presented the goals and services of the Alzheimer's Assoc. including providing such services a Medical Alert Safe Return for first responders to locate missing individuals.

Debra Desrosiers presented the purpose of the NH Senior Education network, a volunteer run non-profit, to educate the public on the availability of home health care and caring for aging parents. The network offers seminars for the public on any of the topics pertaining to caring for the aging. The seminars offer free food.

Stacy Thrall stated that the goal of the Elder Affairs Committee is to branch out and reach individuals who would not normally come to the Senior Center by offering classes on aging at the Library, Lions Club or places that would be considered neutral or more natural for the public.

John Farrell suggested to partner with LFD to reach others who are in need in the community and to get demographic information about how many people use their services.

Al Baldasaro suggested contacting the State Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee to inform them on what the NH Senior Education Network does.

4. The Elders Affairs Committee voted to accept the partnership with the NH Senior Education Network and the Alzheimer's Association with a unanimous vote of 6-0

5. Susan Haussler asked if the committee could make it a goal to start providing the education classes prior to the Holidays.

Stacy Thrall stated that the committee needed to review the topics and provide an outline of the future workshops which would require additional discussion.

6. Bonnie Roberts presented how the Veteran Community Partnership held the first annual information session that educates Veterans within the community on services available. She stated that Nov 6th there will be a VCP event called Quilts of Valor, in Manchester at the Radisson where more information will also be available.

No other Reports

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 PM

Next Meeting October 18, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Sunnycrest Room

Unfinished Business:

HUD Application Status updates

CID Report for 2011 and placing 2012 CIP Form submission on May 2011 EAC Agenda.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Seppala on behalf of Dan Lekas EAC Secretary