

# Elder Affairs Committee Minutes

## October 18, 2011

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Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Attendance : Stacy Thrall Chairperson, Al Baldasaro Vice Chair, Daniel Lekas Secretary, Bonnie Roberts, Susan Haussler, Sherry Farell , Helen Conti ,Flo Silva

Guests : Judy Seppala, Jenita Hastings, Carol Jalbnowski, Patricia Hamann, Pat Bernard, Kimberly Bean, Janice Forrester, And k. Bailey of the Londonderry Times.

Absent: David Howard

Old Business: September minutes approved with correction to typo.

New Business: Subcommittee Reports

1. Stacy Thrall gave updated report on Elderly housing goal and need to expand the Senior Center.

Kimberly Bean reported that she called for a fiscal year 2013 study for expansion of the senior center noting that in the fiscal year 2012 the centers priority rating was raised from a priority 5 which is very low to a 4 and that the center is not on track for improvements until 2019.

Al Baldasaro stated that they need to get the message out that the town has outgrown the senior center and some facilities (bathroom) are in unacceptable condition.

2. Review of emergency response f or seniors and their pets  
Susan Haussler reported that there was a possible emergency pet area designated at emergency shelter but stated her information was not confirmed or official. Al Baldasaro stated he would like to seek council support on the matter.
3. Review of fall prevention program- reminder contact person is Lori Sylva. Guest Pat Hamann of the LFD cited some key points on fire and fall prevention adding that 105 Elderly NH residents die from falls yearly as well as 20% of the fire dept. EMS calls are for elderly that have fallen. Pat also said she was looking for possible funding or grants for the Remember When workshop, which is a fall prevention program.
4. Open discussion on Elder health care education-Al Baldasaro offered to draft a memo to Susan Roy at the Londonderry Fire Dept. on their roll in emergency treatment and response on those seniors that are oxygen dependent. It was agreed upon that a point of contact was needed for PSNH to understand what their roll was on expedited treatment of the elderly with medical

needs in the event of power outage for example portable oxygen or other life sustaining devices. Stacy presented to the guests and committee workshops for families caring for elderly family members for consideration and other members voiced possibilities of holding workshops at the library and even presenting them as programs on cable access television. Consideration of these programs because of committee time constraints moved to the next meeting due to the large number of available programs.

5. Al Baldasaro made a motion to drop David Howard from the committee due to extreme absence Stacy Thrall seconded and motion was passed unanimously.
  
6. Al Baldasaro motioned to appoint alternate member Bonnie Roberts to full membership motion was seconded by Stacy Thrall and passed unanimously leaving two alternate seats vacant. Stacy thrall then gave an explanation of the talent bank forms for those guests that may be interested in filling those vacant seats.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Next Meeting scheduled for November 15 at 6:00 pm in the Sunnycrest conference room.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Lekas EAC secretary

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