

LONDONDERRY ELDER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES 5/21/13

The monthly meeting of the Elder Affairs Committee was held May 21, 2013 at Town Hall, Londonderry, NH.

Present were Chair Al Baldasaro, liaison Councilor Joe Green, Helen Conti, Flo Silva, Bonnie Ritvo, Susan Haussler, Bonnie Roberts, Delores Stoklosa, and Guest Linda Bates

Reading of the minutes was waived as secretary not present.

Old Business

June 19th Fall Prevention Presentation at Leach Library 6pm-7pm. Discussion ensued about this program, where attendance hasn't been as good as one would expect. One idea was to move the presentation to the 7pm hour. Al suggested some articles should be submitted to the appropriate newspapers to get the word out.

Also, it was suggested to use words such as "come one - come all!" as to indicate to the public that this subject would be of interest to various age groups

Short discussion on distribution of General Emergency packets, which were distributed to at least 16 local churches.

Unfinished Business

Affordable Senior Housing

Discussion concerned about the senior housing proposed for Sanborn Road. Councilor Joe Green, liaison, will walk the property, hopefully with at least one other person and try to uncover the mystery of what remains "buried" at this site. Was the first study and cleanup sufficient? What else needs to happen? And who pays?

New Bathrooms Senior Center, Noted that there is now wheelchair access. And a big "thank you" from the seniors.

Animal Shelter, Tabled for now. But not for long. Al will resume research on what can be done after he returns from Turkey.

CART, Councilor Joe Green has been in touch with Tim White, the gentleman in charge of sending CART bills to the Town for payment. It was decided to invite Mr. White to attend the June 18th Elder Affairs Committee Meeting. The CART is open Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm and Joe reports that for more info, access <http://www.cart-rides.org/>

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Affairs Director Position, It was suggested, strongly, that there be a representative of the Elder Affairs Committee present during future interviews of those seeking this Director position. No one present at this meeting was chosen as this representative.

There was discussion also about this being a full time position vs. the current part time position. It was noted that the Town lost some really good Directors who sought more hours than what Londonderry offers. Committee members also tossed around words that describe what a Director at the senior center should be. Veteran's Home, Tilton, NH, Al presented some information/facts/stats concerning his visit to this Veteran's Home that he visited today.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m. Next meeting June 18, 2013.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Bates