

**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
ELDER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2015

The Elder Affairs meeting is held the third Tuesday of the month from 6:00 –7:00 PM
Sunnycrest Conference Room, Town Hall, Londonderry, NH 03053

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:00

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Chair: Bonnie Roberts **Vice Chair:** Susan Haussler **Secretary:** Dolores Stoklosa

Members: Sherry Farrell, Bonnie Ritvo, Flo Silva, Dan Lekas,

Alternates: Richard Flores, Doug Thomas, Linda Bates (absent), Tammy Siekmann (absent)

Senior Center Director: Catherine Blash

Town Council Liaison: Joe Green (absent)

Police Liaison: Det. Chris Olson **Fire Liaison:** absent

Guests: John Goglia, Kirby Wade, Katelyn from LT

Mission: The Londonderry Elder Affairs Committee (Committee) shall exist to review and make recommendations regarding existing services, programs and issues available to Londonderry's elder residents. The Committee will identify the need for and advocate additional service and programs which would support and promote financial and social independence.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- November 17, 2015 : change call to order time to 6:00, motion to approve, seconded

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Committee Membership: Terms up for renewal: Sue, Flo, and Dan. John Goglia put in application for membership.
- Absence Policy : Still waiting to hear from attorney, but committee feels that 3 unexcused absences in a year would be appropriate. Notification required for excused absence. Bonnie will write policy up.
- Committee Name Change: Resolution for name change going forward Monday. New name is Senior Resources Committee.
- Volunteer Network: Waiting for name change so letter can be on new letterhead. Requests for volunteers going out soon.

V. STANDING REPORTS

- Transportation
 - Survey Results: More than 104 surveys have been returned, and they are still coming in. Most seem to get around in their own vehicles. 11 willing to volunteer. Most are members of Senior Center. Suggestion for the Transportation Committee to work out an analysis of the data once we have all the surveys in.
- Housing
 - Article submitted by Dick Flores: Annie Kuster projects a nationwide shortage of subsidized housing for seniors due to funding problems. Londonderry has none. Derry's housing is locked in at 30% of one's income through HUD.

- The developer will go before town council in January for Sanborn Road development. Deanna wrote a negative article about the property, so it is suggested she attend the meeting to talk to the developer and become informed.
- Education:
 - Social Media – January/February : Chris Olsen has covered some of this in his presentations. Poor attendance at evening meetings in the past, so it may be better to table education meetings at this time.
- Resource Lists: Activities/Local Senior Discounts
John has not gotten much feedback yet.
- Senior Center: Proposal for expansion will be presented to voters in March. It involves adding on to the back of the building to expand the facility's needs. No tax impact, because it will be financed by a special fund. Voters need to get out to support it. We could develop a small campaign to support its passage. Flyers etc.
- Londonderry Police Liaison: Scams are down but credit card fraud is way up right now. Home burglaries are also up. Suggestion for tips on the rail trail to stay safe.
- Londonderry Fire Liaison: not present

VI. NEW BUSINESS: none

VII. ADJOURNMENT 6:55

Next meeting: January 19, 2015