

**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
ELDER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

October 20, 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 6:01

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

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

Members: Sherry Farrell, Bonnie Ritvo, Flo Silva,

Alternates: Linda Bates, Richard Flores, Tammy Siekmann, Doug Thomas

Senior Center Director: Catherine Blash

Council Liaison: Joe Green,

Police Liaison: Det. Chris Olson

Fire Department Liaison: Chief Darren O'Brien,

Guests: Tracey Hamlin-Landry, John Goglia, Kevin Smith, Anita Snow

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

- September 15, 2015: motion to accept and accepted. Carried

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Volunteer Network Update: template for letterhead completed and ready to go for next month.
- Resource Lists: Activities/Local Senior Discounts: Tammy and John are working on this. Send anything you find or know of to Tammy.
- Education: Police/Fire Safety -January; Social Media: November in the library. Sherry will schedule presentations after checking library schedule. Possibility of scheduling a workshop at Senior Center during the week, possibly Friday before Thanksgiving after breakfast. Friday 20th tentative, or Wednesday 18th.

V. STANDING REPORTS

- Transportation: Bonnie invited to sit on the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Meeting on Transportation and will share our findings. Kevin Smith wants to follow up on discussion this summer regarding transportation. Joe has a few people who keep an eye on CART and report that it is not improving. New director there and new personnel have not made it more effective. Dolores gave a summary of work done this summer on survey. We need new prices on costs. Minuteman press is a new press in town, and Steve Cotton does printing for us. Insert in tax bills is a possibility. Other possibilities offered. Surveys could be available at Senior Center events.

- Housing: Intro: Tracey Hamlin-Landry, All American Assisted Living
Tracey presented on new housing options in Londonderry. Different concept for assisted living in NH. Costs run 5,000-10,000 month. Memory loss programs are more. "Companion living" target for apartments is folks of varying levels of independence. Apartment has a shared living room and kitchen, with private bedrooms with sitting area. Price is much lower 3,900-5,300 price ranges. Full services of nursing care, transportation, etc are included. Scheduled to open by May 2016. Tracey is looking for input. NH is only state with multiple levels of assistance. Most plans are private pay. Veterans benefits available. Informational sessions are planned.
- Senior Center Update: Holiday craft fair Nov. 7th. Many gift baskets and cookies, etc. Tickets on sale Monday through Friday.
- Londonderry Police Liaison: Checking credit reports is recommended. Stolen personal information is used for gift cards. This is newest scam in our area.
- Londonderry Fire Liaison: October is Fire Prevention Month. Check your batteries in alarms.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- New Name?: Bonnie suggests that perhaps our current name may not be comprehensive enough for our mission statements. Suggested change to "Senior Affairs Committee" to replace Elder Affairs, because we are here for all seniors including those who are younger and independent. Motion to accept, majority in agreement, no one opposed. New vote for "Senior Resources Committee" passed at Bonnie Ritvo's suggestion.
- Other New Business: Attendance policy proposed. If a member misses 3 unexcused meetings in a row, their place should be made available to visitors who attend on a regular basis.

VII. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 7:06.

Next meeting: November 17, 2015