

# TOWN OF LONDONDERRY SENIOR RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes  
April 17, 2018

## I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00

## II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

**Chair:**           **Vice Chair:** Susan Haussler (abs,)     **Secretary:** Dolores Stoklosa

**Members:** Sherry Farrell (abs), John Goglia, Richard Flores, Tammy Siekmann (absent)

**Alternates:** Linda Bates, (abs), Doug Thomas, Richard Darveau

**Senior Center Director:** Catherine Blash (abs)

**Town Council Liaison:** Joe Green     **Police Liaison:** Det. Chris Olson (abs) **Fire Liaison:** Sue Roy (abs)

Guests: Lisa Drabik , assistant town manager, June Croissant:

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

## I. INTRODUCTIONS and establishment of quorum

II. ELECTION of Chair: John Goglia was nominated for Chair by Dolores, seconded by Richard Flores. Vote was unanimous.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES : February 20, 2018 Minutes accepted.

Acknowledgment of Obituary of Katie O'Donnell, local news reporter

## IV. OLD BUSINESS

Senior transportation: Lisa Drabik: CART/Green Cab pilot program officially ended, however it will be continued. Money is still available and will be carried over into the next year. Alternatives to supplement CART are being explored. One being, using vans from the school district. They would try to arrange a set schedule for certain destinations Dispatch would be handled by the bus company. For liability purposes there will be no assistance from door to vehicle or vice versa, unless volunteers offer to do this. Doctor appointments seem to be the greater need and the greater challenge but Lisa believes it would be easier to start with a destination service. Community Caregivers matches clients with volunteers for ongoing rides to appointment. Ideas were floated about how to make transportation more personal in order to encourage rider participation. See if we can form a subcommittee next month to further this potential program.

## V. 55+ subcommittee report

- Affordable senior housing – follow up with Londonderry Housing and Redevelopment Committee: No updated news on this. Joe will be making this his goal for this year. Joe will report back after meeting with town council.
- Drive-Up Mailbox: June wrote to her Congresswoman about this issue. June has inquired about a drive-up mailbox that would accommodate the disabled and elderly. She suggested it be placed at Shaw's parking lot. Joe Green suggested possibly behind the town hall. Members are asked to come up with ideas for locations. Joe requested that once possible sites are identified that he pass that info along to Joe.
- Snowplowing – Multi-use pathway safety issue at Buttrick Village: Joe Green says we can't do private sidewalks and plow them because it becomes a liability. There is a question about whether it is town owned or not. Multi-use pathway vs. sidewalk designation determines whether it needs to be plowed. Doug and Joe will find out who owns the property in question and then go from there in order for town to make plowing determination.

- Resource List: activities/services/discounts: tabled until next meeting
- Project: town welcome packets and Old Home Days booth 8/18/18: Sherry & Kirby have put together packets. A sample bag was passed around the room. Booths have to be reserved and paid for early on. John will follow up on booth info with Sherry.
- Follow up: Reassurance program: This was briefly discussed at last meeting about establishing a program where volunteers would call certain seniors daily to check on their well being. Tabled for now
- Approval of Baldasaro's bill regarding a grace period for late rental fees for those on government assistance in manufactured housing: According to Doug House Bill 1484-2018 passed house and forwarded to senate committee. Should pass the senate.

#### VI. STANDING REPORTS

- Senior Center: not present
- Londonderry Police Liaison: not present
- Londonderry Fire Liaison: not present

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

New committee members – looking for new members (especially non-seniors). All are encouraged to recruit new members.

Fill out contact information sheet – John passed around a sign in sheet for all members, alternates and guests so that we have the necessary contact information on everyone.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:10.

**Next meeting: May 15, 2018**