

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY SENIOR RESOURCES COMMITTEE (SRC)

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2018

I. Call to Order: 6:00pm

II. Roll Call/Establish a Quorum:

Chairperson: John Goglia; **Vice Chairperson:** Susan Haussler; **Secretary:** Dolores Stoklosa;

Members: Sherry Farrell; Richard Flores; Tammy Siekman (absent)

Alternates: Linda Bates (absent); Doug Thomas; Richard Darveau (resigned)

Senior Center Director: Catherine Blash

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

Other Expected Attendees: June Croissant (absent); Suzanne O’Gara; John Wilson

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: April 17, 2018

V. OLD BUSINESS

John Goglia was elected chair last month. There can be 7 members and 4 must be over age 55 according to the bylaws. We currently have 6 members and 2 alternates. Doug is willing to become a regular member to replace Richard Darveau, who has resigned.

-Senior Transportation: John G. and Susan H. met with local Student Bus Transportation manager on 3/1/18. Lisa Drabik presented details of her contacts with other towns regarding senior transportation at last months’ SRC meeting. Lisa had a very positive follow-up meeting with the local Student Bus manager last month and has been trying to schedule a more substantial meeting with their regional director. Lisa stated that there is potential for some type of destination service for seniors. The remaining funds (approx. \$29,000) approved in the March warrant article for senior transportation have been carried over to the next fiscal year and are in no danger of expiring soon. The SRC is recommending that the town take a longer term outlook towards resolution of senior transportation. Cathy has 1 woman who has used the cab option about 5 times since program started. Suzanne says she often is aware of people who are in need, who access her program. She is willing to facilitate the committee in finding and identifying those in need. Email or call John with ideas or suggestions. John Wilson discovered an RSA on the books to allow fees to be charged on registrations, which can be earmarked for public transportation. This could be a source of revenue. The idea will be passed on to the town council.

-Affordable Housing: Joe Green is interested in continuing to pursue. Doug and/or Joe were going to find out about the Housing and Redevelopment Committee’s existence and interest in continuing to pursue this issue. The SRC is also recommending a long term strategy for resolution and is suggesting the town consider requiring new developments to contribute towards resolution of this issue. Doug suggests we get someone on the committee to work on this. Londonderry has 0 subsidized housing units currently. The committee wants to develop a long term strategy.

-Drive-up mailbox: On 5/7/18 the Town Council unanimously approved moving forward on having the post office install such a box in a location in the parking lot at the town complex as identified by the SRC. At this point it is in the hands of the post office.

-Sidewalk snowplowing: Joe advised at last months' meeting that the town cannot plow private pathways.

-Old Home Days Booth/Welcome packets/Resource list: These 3 items all need to be completed before 8/18/18. We need to decide as a group if we want to do any or all of these. Sherry is handling our request for a booth. Sherry and Kirby have been working on welcome bags. Rich Darveau was going to coordinate some of these related activities but he has decided to resign from the SRC. We need a coordinator for scheduling volunteers at the booth, determining what type of booth and obtaining a sign of some type. We also need a coordinator for compiling a resource list and we need everyone to volunteer to assist in each of these activities. We would need several people to assist the coordinators in these projects. There are not enough members who are volunteering to do this at this time. John W. suggested we piggyback with the Lion's Club senior dinner. Recommendation made to table the Old Home Days Booth project until next year due to lack of support. Welcome Packets could be distributed through realtors and/or the town hall. We need to make packets because the prepared ones have all been handed out. Sherry and Kirby are willing to help orchestrate, but they need members to help get them put together. Suggestion made to put packets together during a meeting. Members noted that welcome packets are not specifically for seniors and maybe is not part of our mission. Since there was no support for this activity the issue was tabled and it was recommended that another town group be responsible.

-Status of High School volunteers to the SRC: Doug is handling. Doug will be able to do this in a few weeks. Chris will reach out to school Resource Officers. It was noted that there may not be student support for such volunteers due to student homework and existing extracurricular activities.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

-Senior Center: Kathy: Membership is increasing. Wizard of Oz is theme for Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on June 23rd. New key tag sign-in has started. It will provide lots of information.

-LPD: Chris: Nixle flyers advertise the website to quickly and easily access information on public safety and community information, free of charge. Flyers were distributed to members to distribute further.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

-Solicitation of new members: Everyone should try to recruit new SRC members, particularly non-seniors.

-There were no legislative updates.

-SRC Chairperson is responsible to get SRC write-ups to Kirby Brown before year end for inclusion in yearly town report.

-SRC Chairperson and/or Sherry will send Kirby the already approved SRC meeting minutes for 2018 for posting to the town website. Thereafter John G. will send approved minutes to Kirby for posting.

-John W. talked about Londonderry's complaints to CART in 2014. The CART call center is run by Easter Seals. John W. offered to look into CART more deeply.

-Town Council Feedback: John G. will follow-up. The SRC never received feedback from the council on Bonnie Roberts summary presentation to them on 6/19/17 regarding several additional unaddressed concerns discovered during the over 55 outreach program and the senior forum. Sherry suggested that SRC can suggest topics that Kirby can put on the agenda. John G. will email Kirby.

Town Resource list has not moved forward. John G. would like the committee to consider going back to working on this list. John will contact Tammi about her work on this project. Suzanne O'Gara has access to resource lists that she could provide SRC.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:28