

# TOWN OF LONDONDERRY SENIOR RESOURCES COMMITTEE (SRC)

## Minutes

June 19, 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; Suzanne O’Gara; John Wilson

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

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

**Other Expected Attendees:** Flo Silva

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: May 15, 2018: approved and accepted

V. OLD BUSINESS

Thanks to JW who did research and found that the Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC) with Londonderry representation has done a lot of work addressing transportation and affordable housing issues. Go to SNHPC.org, press green button in upper right for assessments and also watch short webinar. JG has reached out to Arthur Rugg, Londonderry Rep on the SNHPC who wrote that he will try to get someone to bring us up to speed at a future SRC meeting. The SNHPC had made a presentation to us several years ago before most of us were part of the SRC. The planning commission question is : how do we turn this plan into something tangible? We will come back to this under new business.

SF has sent 2018 meeting minutes to Kirby Brown for posting on the Town website. JG has asked Kirby to also change committee name on website from Elder Affairs to Senior Resource Committee.

JG has followed up with Kirby about getting Town Council feedback on several issues presented to them in June, 2017 as part of our over 55 Outreach. Kirby will advise how Town Council wants to address.

JG has requested TS to provide an update on the resource list but she was unable to make the meeting today. JG will talk to Tammy about the resource list to see what progress has already been made and report at next meeting. TS does not want to head the project but she is willing to support efforts and participate.

The Postmaster advised JG that the Town has ordered one-way traffic signs and the P.O. has ordered a “snorkel” mailbox and awaiting deliveries of both items before drive-up mailbox can be installed in Town Hall parking lot. Postmaster stated that he would keep us advised of progress. It was noted tonight that one-way and do not enter signs are already posted and the mailbox should soon follow. Once mailbox is set up we will need to advertise. SF agreed to take care of that with local newspapers and website.

There is no progress to report on Lisa Drabik’s second meeting with the Student Bus Transportation Company possibly because the Manchester Transit Authority (MTA) has taken over C.A.R.T and Lisa is waiting to find out how that goes and determine how it impacts senior transportation service in town.

Doug reported on getting a young H.S. person to sit in on our meetings as a liaison. Student council and Pay it Forward are 2 potential sources for student volunteers. Superintendent is onboard and suggests we start in Sept. High school students have been involved with seniors in the past. In 2016, students from LHS helped students at the senior center with their technology (phones, tablets, etc.). It was very well appreciated. Doug will follow-up appropriately.

#### VI. STANDING REPORTS

Senior Center: Cathy: not present

LPD: Chris: not present

LFD: Sue: not present

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about forming 2 separate sub committees on senior transportation and affordable housing to interface with SNHPC , Londonderry Housing and Redevelopment and any other organizations that might be able to assist in addressing these 2 major issues. There was also a discussion about formulating a specific written proposal to the Town Council regarding these 2 major issues detailing the intentions of the SRC. It was basically decided that the SRC needs to get a better handle on identifying which organizations/committees, etc... are also addressing or will have to support any resolution efforts and to initiate contact with them in the hopes of encouraging a much broader perspective of the problems. JG will follow-up with the SNHPC.

JW spoke about the difficulties of having a committee from SRC to work on these 2 major issues. The reasons being that it is a large undertaking, and the committee lacks authority to take action. There are the issues of CART, as well as the vision of future needs. Also, we do not have a clear idea of actual need/demand. JW himself called CART and had difficulties getting through to a person to schedule a ride. Most of CART services are provided by Easter Seals. Quality of service is never mentioned in meetings. CART has a shuttle service in Londonderry but there was no schedule on the website. Some people have good service to the senior center. The Milleniums also want transportation, which is why many are moving to the cities. Many factors impact this issue. We do not know exactly how CART, Easter Seals and now the MTA interact with each other to provide service. The operations are all contracted out to Easter Seals. A suggestion was made to have a conversation with Easter Seals about the quality of service and their future plans. JW recommends a standing committee set up by the town council to address the many issues around transportation. JG will consult with Joe Green/Kevin Smith about where to go from here on both the transportation and affordable housing issues. We need a commitment from the Town Council to move on these issues.

Suzanne will keep track of problems with transportation with Londonderry residents. She says there is a program, Step Saver, a transportation system in Manchester for seniors and the disabled for \$4 a ride.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:14

**NEXT MEETING JULY 17, 2018**