

Elder Affairs

June 17, 2014

Attendance: Cathy Blash, Linda Bates, Chairman Al Baldasaro, Anita Snow, Secretary Dan Lekas, Council Liaison Joe Green, Bonnie Ritvo, Vice Chair Susan Haussler, Jay Hobson, Dolaras Stoklosa, Bonnie Roberts

Called to order: 5:57

No previous minutes as all subject matter was tabled at previous meeting.

Old Business: Discussion of Senior Center expansion on Towns CIP as well as getting more copies for new center members of the Emergency Packets.

New Business: Chairman Baldasaro informed committee that the Proposed "senior Citizen Fraud Bill" had passed the NH House.

There was a unanimous vote to suspend educational classes until further notice.

Guest Annette Stoller was scheduled to bring the new head of the CART call center but was unable to attend.

It was announced that Town Council appointed Art Rugg and Nancy Michaels to the CART board of Directors.

The continuing questions on the condition of the Sanborn ave site were answered as the site did not pass its soil test and still requires clean up, it was also brought to the attention of the committee that the Dog Park committee also had interest in the site and a unanimous vote was taken to share the potential site with the dog park as well as affordable elderly housing.

There was a discussion on the difference between Workforce housing and HUD 202 housing.

The mission statement for the EAC was reviewed and approved as written.

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.

There was a review of the committees goals and a re-write will be presented at the next meeting. The current goals are as follows

2010-2013 ELDER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE GOALS

1. Pursue low-cost subsidized housing for seniors

-Continue to work with SNH Services & Town to develop low-cost senior housing on Sanborn Rd.

- Attend/present at all applicable town meetings
 - Update community older adults on progress of the project
 - ? town website
 - ?Newsletter
 - Educate and make recommendations for low cost housing to the Town Council
 - Educate/Assist community on process of applying for low-cost subsidized housing for seniors.
- Internal subcommittee:** Susan Haussler, Bonnie Ritvo, Bonnie Roberts

2. Advocate/support efforts of a senior center expansion

- Action items to be developed in collaboration with Senior Center Director,
- Internal subcommittee** Sherry Farrell, Al Baldasaro, Stacy Thrall
- Notes: Welfare: lack of basket & support (Senior Center)
FYI 2013/CIP 2019
Check on CIP, has moved up

3. Advocate/support Alert Community Fall Prevention Program

- Action items to be developed
- Contact Lori Silva

Complete

4. Advocate/support disaster preparedness for seniors & their pets

- Action items to be developed
- Resources/collaboration with the Alert Team & Town
- Think Tank

Coordination effort by Police & Fire supported by the committee

5. Develop a non-profit Committee to collaborate with the Elder Affairs Committee to provide education on aging/caregiving issues

- Present series at the Londonderry Library
- Access cable
- Website Resources

Internal subcommittee: Stacy, Bonnie, Sherry, Pat Bernard

6. Advocate, to attract to the town of Londonderry a broad range of continuum of care services for the elderly and disabled adults such as adult day services, short and long term rehabilitation services, assisted living and a skilled nursing facility.

Internal Committee ???

ONGOING

Maintain an annual vigilance over elderly exemptions, income and asset levels and make recommendations to the Town Council.

- Develop internal tax exemption committee to review other town exemptions over the summer. (Jun)
- Committee to review current exemptions and makes recommendations to the Town Council (Sep).
- Review/revise/complete recommendations (Oct)
- Present recommendations to Town Council (Nov)
- Council decides on inquires (Jan)

Note: Feb 1st every year on Town Council

Internal sub-committee: Al Baldasaro, Stacy Thrall

Monitor local in-town transportation

- Continue to advocate for ongoing funding for CART (Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation)
 - CART to expand the town coverage
 - Town report on Londonderry usage
- Pursue town wide public transportation
- Develop internal town transportation committee (?)

Senior Center: What issues are seniors facing using CART

Internal subcommittee: All

Search for qualified and diversified committee members

- Develop marketing plan to attract new members: Ideas include
- Develop monthly timeline and write articles for Londonderry Times/Senior Center Newsletter
- Invite guests to Committee meetings
- Post Committee Openings in Londonderry Times/Town website/cable channel

Internal subcommittee: All

Advocate for infrastructure changes to support older adults aging in place.

-Removed at this time

Keep abreast of elder legislation at the state level

- Committee to work with Rep. Al Baldasaro to compile a list of elder/caregiver legislation
- Advocate as applicable for elder/caregiver legislation.
- Develop internal legislative committee
 - responsibilities may include testifying at State House

Internal subcommittee: Al, Dan Lekas

“Advocate to attract to the town of Londonderry a broad range of continuum of care services for the elderly and disabled adults such as adult day services, short and long term rehabilitation services, assisted living and a skilled nursing facility.”

The committee also requested a current list of members.

Current EAC members
Full members
Chairman Al Baldasaro
Vice Chair Susan Haussler
Secretary Dan Lekas
Flo Silva
Bonnie Ritvo
Sherry Farrell
Bonnie Roberts
Alternates
Linda Bates
Dolores Stoklosa

Meeting adjourned at 7:00

Next meeting September 16,2014 in the Sunnycrest meeting room

Respectfully submitted
Dan Lekas, EAC Secretary

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A: 2 Meetings Open to Public.

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