

Hopkinton Senior Recreation Council
Minutes of Meeting of May 17, 2010
APPROVED July 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chairperson Janet Krzyzaniak.

Members Present: Janet Krzyzaniak – Chairperson; Lillian Landry; Don Lane – Vice Chairman; George Langwasser – Selectmen’s Representative; Justin LaVigne; Allita Paine – Co-Secretary; Gloria Symonds – Co-Secretary; Joanne Woodward.

Member Absent: Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections to the minutes of the April 19th meeting of the Senior Recreation Council were requested by Justin LaVigne; all members concurred. Don Lane moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Joanne Woodward seconded the motion, and all members voted in the affirmative.

Public Comment: Not applicable, there being no visitors present.

Business: Council Vacancies: The terms of two members, Allita Paine and Joanne Woodward, have expired. Allita Paine is not able to consider a second term because of travel plans. Joanne Woodward is interested in a second term; Council members unanimously approved Joanne’s second term. Lillian Landry said that Judy Sanborn has been asked and is willing to be a member of the Council. Gloria Symonds suggested Pat Dawson but none of the members knew if Pat would be interested. Don Lane moved to approve Judy Sanborn; the motion was seconded by Joanne Woodward and unanimously approved. In addition, Janet Krzyzaniak will ask Pat Dawson if she would be interested in sitting in on several Council meetings with the idea of becoming a member in the future.

Election of Officers: Secretary: None of the Council members is interested in being secretary, nor is Judy Sanborn. Don Lane suggested that a non-member might be willing to be the secretary and suggested asking those present at the Wednesday lunch and also posting the position. Lillian Landry suggested that it might be easier for someone to type the minutes from a recording of the meeting; Justin LaVigne will look into obtaining a tape recorder. Allita Paine asked if Sarah Darby could take the minutes but Justin LaVigne said that in the summer, especially, she would not have the time.

Chairperson: None of the Council members is interested in being the chairperson. Don Lane is heavily involved with the Historical Society and Janet is the Chair of the town Budget Committee. After some discussion, Don Lane and Janet Krzyzaniak agreed to share the Chair responsibilities. As per their wishes, Allita Paine moved that Don Lane be the Council Chair and Janet Krzyzaniak be the Co-Chair; Gloria Symonds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Depot Days: Justin LaVigne has received a request from Ginni Haines for seniors to be involved in Depot Days, taking on a project such as making and selling lunches, baked goods, or crafts in order to earn money for the Senior Center. The problem is that many seniors will be baking for the July 4th event. George Langwasser suggested that the request be made at the Wednesday lunch to see if there is any interest.

July 4th Event: Joanne Woodward and Judy Sanborn are organizing the bake sale again this year. Last year’s sale was highly successful. Because of July 4th being on a Sunday, the schedule has been moved back one hour to allow church traffic to clear. The kid’s parade will be at 12:30 pm and the regular parade at 1:00 pm. Allita Paine asked if the Senior Center would be putting on a dance exhibition as had been planned last year; Gloria Symonds said that she would like to do that and it will be downstairs, unaffected by rain!

Updates: Horseshoes: Don Lane has been working with Garrett Hoyt and Don Houston to find a spot and to construct two horseshoe pits. Justin LaVigne has two sets of horseshoes.

Programs: Gloria Symonds reported that Don Symonds is getting together music for a senior dance. It was decided that the first dance will be June 25th, 7 – 10 pm. Gloria found out that the Concord Coach Square Dancers charge a fee for their demos so we won't move ahead with them. The most recent movie was fairly well-attended and the room was dark thanks to the new curtains. Justin LaVigne said that he would be able to continue with the Friday afternoon movies through the summer; the next one will be June 11th (possibly *The Time Traveler's Wife*).

Newsletter: Justin LaVigne reported that support is still being sought for the newsletter. A very attractive quarterly newsletter from Warner was shared. Don Lane would like to see the Senior Center get a newsletter out and all Council members agree that we need to communicate with all townspeople. Don Lane will continue to work toward publishing a one-pager (double-sided).

Quilting: Janet Krzyzaniak reported that Dale Roberts is doing an awesome job with the quilting group, enjoys herself, and can fix anything. She is going away the last week in May but has decided to come back for the month of June and then take a summer break, returning in the fall. Group members may opt to continue to meet in the summer as each person's schedule permits.

Trust: Don Lane said that Bob Blanchette and Neil Cass are looking into the establishment of a trust fund with the initial amount of \$1500. They will give us options as to how this would work. Justin LaVigne noted that he reminds Neil Cass once a month; the Council would like to get the trust fund up and running.

Field Trips: Justin LaVigne reported that Merle Dustin and Marion Paxton would like to initiate field trips, with participants meeting in the parking lot and transporting themselves. The first trip is to the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum on June 16th. The Council agreed that this is a good thing to do.

Buses: Janet Krzyzaniak has found out that it is OK for school buses to be used in the summer for transporting other than students. There are two options: a 10 passenger bus and a 17 passenger bus. The charge might be the federal rate of \$.50/mile and we might be able to get one of the regular bus drivers.

Red, White, and Blue Party: Gloria Symonds and Marilyn Bresaw are planning a Red, White, and Blue Party on May 28th. The dance group will perform and are willing to teach anyone wanting to learn. (Today there were 21 present at dance.)

George Langwasser said that he is very happy to see the number of activities going on at the Senior Center. These activities justify the building. The schedule is full, both days and evenings. There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

The next meeting of the Hopkinton Senior Recreation Council is scheduled Monday, June 21, 2010, 1:30 pm, at the Slusser Senior Center.

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