

Slusser Senior Center

Senior Council Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2010

Members Present: Don Lane, Chair, Joanne Woodward, Janet Krzyzaniak, Vice Chairperson, Lillian Landry, Gloria Symonds, Judy Sanborn, Justin LaVigne, Marilyn Bresaw

Absent: George Langwasser, Selectmen's Representative

The meeting was called to order by Don Lane, Chairman, at 1:30 pm

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Joanne Woodward to approve May, 2010 minutes. The minutes were not approved previously because they were not available at the time of the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Lillian Landry. There being no discussion the minutes were approved unanimously. A motion was then made by Lillian Landry to approve the June, 2010 minutes, seconded by Janet Krzyzaniak. There being no discussion the minutes were approved unanimously.

Janet Krzyzaniak then observed that the April, 2010 minutes were still identified as being in "draft" form on the Town website. Mrs. Krzyzaniak volunteered to instruct Allita Paine, former committee secretary, to direct the Town Board of Selectmen that the minutes had been officially approved and that the "draft" designation should be removed.

The Council remains without an official secretary. Mrs. Krzyzaniak suggested that she ask Jean Lightfoot, a resident of the Meadows, if she would consider becoming Council Secretary. The Council agreed that Ms. Lightfoot should be asked.

Council Vacancy- At the May, 2010 meeting the Council voted to ask Pat Dawson to join the Council. Subsequently, Mrs. Dawson was asked and accepted but her name was inadvertently not presented to the Board of Selectmen for its approval. Chairman Lane volunteered to write the Board concerning this oversight and present Mrs. Dawson for Board approval. This will be done before the August Council meeting.

Old Business

Trust Fund Update - Chairman Lane reported to the Council that the Board of Selectmen had approved the establishment of a "Private Trust", namely The Slusser Senior Center Trust Fund, RSA 31:19, for the purpose of receiving gifts to fund maintenance of the Slusser Senior Center. One minor clarification was suggested by the Council. The Council suggested to the Board that the monies earned by the Trust be used to "fund maintenance and expansion of the Slusser Senior Center facility".

A copy of the Trust description will be available at the Town Hall upon final approval by the Board of Selectmen.

New Park Entrance Sign- Chairman Lane updated the Council about the new park sign that was installed this past week. The sign, paid for by contributions from town organizations and citizens, identifies all of the major Houston Park facilities. Left to be completed is a solar lighting system. In order to install the system an additional estimated \$800 will need to be raised. The sign was designed by Byron Carr and created by Morgan Murdough of Henniker. Murdough is the same sign maker/artist responsible for the Slusser Senior Center sign and the Seal that graces the main meeting room in the Town Hall. Also, the Council's sense was that the Children's Playground should be added to the sign.

Newsletter- The council considered the status of the potential newsletter that has been discussed at prior Council meetings. Although there was no specific vote it was the sense of the Council that it should begin the process to develop a newsletter. Mrs. Landry will begin pulling together some news items and will review technical matters such as mailing costs. Chairman Lane will establish the process necessary to define the parameters of the newsletter and what resources need to be tapped.

New Business

Recreation Brochure- Chairman Lane passed out copies of the new Recreation Brochure. The Council expressed its universal approval for the job done by the Recreation Committee. The Recreation Director, Justin LaVigne, and Committee Louise Carr were recognized for their outstanding work in bringing the brochure to completion. Chairman Lane suggested that the Historical Society would be interested in distributing the brochure at its table at the Farmers' Market. He will pursue that matter.

Senior Center Information Table- A brief discussion followed relative to whether the Senior Center should put out information about its activities at the Farmers' Market. It was decided that the Center should provide copies of its Activity Calendar and copies of its original brochure.

Public Comment- Merle Dustin was the only member of the public in attendance. The only comment Mrs. Dustin made concerned an effort to put together a car trip to the Kearsarge Mountain Indian Museum. The effort failed to develop adequate interest among the seniors and the trip was cancelled.

Additional conversation among Council members followed indicating a genuine interest in finding an appropriate means of transportation for excursions. Mrs. Krzyzaniak volunteered to contact the School District and determine availability of busses over the next six weeks.

There being no further discussion Chairman Lane called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Woodward so moved, seconded by Mrs. Sanborn. The council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Don Lane, Chairman and Acting Secretary