

Present: Russell Galpin, Arlene Johns, Joyce Peace, Dana Brien

Meeting opened at 1pm.

Minutes: Ms. Johns pointed out some amendments to the minutes. Ms. Johns added "Ms. Johns asked Mr. Galpin if he would like GHSS to change the name of the Newsletter?" Mr. Galpin corrected the typo GHHS to GHSS in the same paragraph. Ms. Johns also requested the word "solely" to the paragraph regarding the Bus Article, and Ms. Curtis' name to the list of volunteers for the Policies and Procedures meeting. Ms. Johns moved to approve the minutes as amended, Ms. Peace seconded. The motion passed.

Financial: Mrs. Brien distributed the financial reports. Ms. Johns pointed out that submissions from GHSS have been for items which were included in the original warrant article proposal from last year. She also stated that she is uncomfortable with the level of control the committee is trying to exert on the operations of GHSS. Mrs. Brien responded that the SAC is to advise on where needs for funding are, and to advise the Senior Affairs Officer on what should or should not be funded. Ms. Johns asked for clarification on the position of the Senior Affairs Officer and the SAC from the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Johns asked if Mr. Galpin had offered his apology to Patricia Mathison as he had agreed to do in a previous meeting. Mr. Galpin stated that he was waiting for an apology from Mrs. Mathison for lying to him multiple times and would apologize when she does.

Ms. Johns stated that Mr. Galpin had no objectivity where GHSS is concerned and if he feels that he cannot work with GHSS he should resign. Mr. Galpin pointed out the reasons for his issues with certain members of GHSS, and declined to offer to resign.

1:45pm - Peter Brigham entered meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Warrant Article in the 2014 Town Warrant to fund a new bus. Ms. Johns shared her concern that the Bus-For-Us campaign had not raised enough funds for a bus, and Peter Brigham had informed GHSS that he would be using the Youth Services Van for the Summer Recreation Program and it would be unavailable for day trips during this time. Mrs. Brien pointed out that the original intent of the article was to have the bus owned, insured, maintained and stored by the town; greatly decreasing the ongoing costs. Mr. Brigham stated that he felt a second bus or van would be a huge boost to his recreation plans. Mrs. Brien pointed out that Senior Activities had to have first dibs on the usage of the van, as Youth and Recreation has first dibs on the Youth Services Van. Mrs. Brien suggested that some of the senior activity funds approved this year might be able to help purchase the van as well. Mr. Galpin stated that he didn't think that would be in keeping with the wording of the article. Mrs. Brien offered to ask the auditors what would be appropriate.

Discussion continued on the procedures suggestions. Ms. Johns stated that GHSS feels that they are not trusted because they will now be required to submit for approval their requests for funding or sponsorship, when they never had to in the past. Mrs. Brien pointed out that, in the past, the members of GHSS were also the members of SAC, and as such had the power to approve anything they wanted.

Mrs. Brien stated that the procedures are being put in place for any and all groups or individuals who wish to receive funding or sponsorship from SAC. Ms. Johns pointed out that there are no other groups seeking funding or putting on events for Seniors in Hillsborough. Mrs. Brien suggested that the SAC brainstorm ways to publicize the availability of funds and encourage others to come forward with activities: Particularly the younger seniors who may just be retiring and would like to see different activities than are being offered by GHSS.

2:20pm – Peter Brigham left the meeting.

Ms. Johns stated her desire to have a meeting with both GHSS and SAC. Further discussion on the suggestions on procedures were held. The committee discussed moving the meetings to later in the month so as to work better with GHSS' time frame. Mrs. Brien stated she would discuss the change of date to the 3rd Tuesday of the month with Meg Curtis.

Ms. Johns expressed her feeling that the SAC was trying to micro-manage GHSS. Mrs. Brien responded that the procedures are to manage SAC and Senior Affairs, and information on activities and available space to house these activities. Mrs. Brien also pointed out that for insurance purposes it is important to be able to show those procedures were followed. Ms. Johns asked if a blanket disclaimer could be placed in the newsletter that "all activities are sponsored by the Town of Hillsborough unless otherwise stated." Mrs. Brien stated that she would approach HealthTrust to find out.

General agreement was reached that materials purchased by SAC remain the property of the Town of Hillsborough.

Mrs. Brien informed the committee that she would be renewing the USPS bulk mail permit for \$220.00 this month. Discussion on the publication costs of Senior Moments followed. Ms. Johns stated she would bring the possibility of commercial publication to the GHSS board and request research into the cost savings.

Ms. Johns asked if it was possible to grant seed money to GHSS, as they have spent all their money and individuals are awaiting reimbursements for expenses they have paid out of pocket. Mrs. Brien said she doubted it, but would look into it. Mrs. Brien asked for clarification on how much money GHSS had left. Mrs. Peace stated it was around \$86.00 at the last meeting.

Tai Chi application: Ms. Johns presented the application for the sponsorship of Tai Chi through GHSS. The class will take place in Deering due to space needs. GHSS requested \$30.00 per participant up to a maximum of 15 participants, or \$450.00. Discussion was held. Mrs. Brien made a motion to approve funding up to \$450.00 for the Tai Chi sessions starting Jun 5th 2015 for 8 sessions being run by GHSS. Mrs. Peace seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Brien made a report on the ongoing Caregiver Support Group, and stated that they continue to get one person at each meeting, though it has been a different person each time. There were no attendees at the last meeting, but folks called in to say they couldn't come.

Discussion was held regarding the potential cuts in the state budget for the ServiceLink and Meals on Wheels programs.

Ms. Johns reported that Pickleball at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School is going well. The afterschool program purchased another net, and the program will be moving back to Grimes Field this month. The program takes place on Tuesday nights in Hillsborough and Monday and Thursday nights at the gym in Antrim. Mrs. Brien offered to make a poster to publicize the local programs. Ms. Johns stated she would collect the information on contacts and permissions and email them.

The invoice from GHSS was discussed. Mrs. Brien made the suggestion that items such as the Luncheon trays could be approved in advance so that the person who purchases it could get the reimbursement faster through Petty Cash. The insurance policy was discussed as well. Ms. Johns made a motion to advise approve reimbursement of \$363.02 of the invoice to GHSS. Mrs. Brien seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Peace made the motion to close the meeting. Ms. Johns seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting closed at 4:00pm.