Senior Resources Committee Minutes of the Monthly Meeting June 2, 2026 5:15 PM

Location of Meeting:

Sunnycrest Conference Room

268 Mammoth Rd B Londonderry, NH

Present at meeting:

Members: Sherry Farrell, Chair; Meridel Allen, Vice-Chair, Kelly McShane, Secretary; John Wilson, Valerie Brauer and, Lois Dziergowski, Tom Walker

Alternate Members: Maryann Ryan and Laurie Miller

Liaisons: Ilona Arndt - Senior Center; Patrick Cheetham - Police; Debbie Desrochers – Town Hall Liaison

1. Call to Order

   The regular meeting of the Senior Resources Committee was called to order at 5:15 pm on June 2nd motioned by Lauire and seconded by Meridel.

2. Attendance and Verification of Quorum
3. Review and Acceptance, Minutes, May 5th, 2026
    a. Maryann asked to change “NH Trade Show” to “NH Home Show.”
    b. Amended notes approval motioned by Meridel and seconded by Maryann.
4. Jim Green Award Update: Review of Kelly’s updates. Suggestions to set application due date after Old Home Day.
    a. The committee reviewed the flyer and discussed nomination criteria.
    b. The committee discussed having the nominee being someone who is a senior serving the senior population or anyone who is volunteering to serve the senior population.
    c. Ultimately, the committee will decide on the most fitting nominee based on submissions. We will keep the flyer as is for this year.
    d. Lois and Sherry brought up the need to recognize volunteers who are not residents or who preceded the official Jim Green Plaque and nomination process.
        i. Ilona mentioned that the senior center is hosting a volunteer lunch for 61 volunteers in July and at this lunch they can recognize outstanding individuals that deserve recognition. Ilona asked if committee members could serve this lunch as she would hate to ask the volunteers.
        ii. At this luncheon we can also announce the Jim Green Award to start spreading the word.
    e. John brought up the need for The Jim Green Award to be publicized.

        i. The committee discussed that it needs to be at the senior center and churches.
        ii. Sherry mentioned social media and the town outlets.
        iii. Laurie offered to stop at local places to post the flyer
    f. For the form for submissions, Kelly will create and ask Tanya how to make it available on the town website. We will also have hard copy forms available at the front desk.
    g. Valerie voiced to keep the submission form simple.
5. Discussion of Old Home Day Booth, Saturday, August 15, 2026.Sign up sheet for coverage, supplies, information offered on Jim Green Award and Senior Expo; Phil, File of Life(s); Grange Support.
    a. Kelly will create an hourly sign up sheet for the next meeting. At the next meeting, committee members can sign up for slots.
    b. Lauire mentioned having File of Life(s) available for folks to take.
    c. Lois mentioned that the Fire Department always does a great job helping to clean up.
    d. Debbie suggested having information regarding Warrant Article 22 to help educate and get people excited.
    e. Sherry mentioned the committee coming up with a committee vision to share.
6. Senior Expo, October 3rd, Update Patrick & Ilona - Final decision on sponsorship fees and levels.
    a. Ilona drafted a letter and flyer for the event. The letter drafted for vendors included a $50 fee for For Profit entities and free for non-profits and government agencies. Ilona will make a few tweaks including the date and “free” to the flyer.
    b. Maryann suggested promoting to vendors that parking for them is free as opposed to other fairs and shows.
    c. Ilona will make the deadline for submission, July 31 for vendors to commit.
    d. The committee discussed the best way for vendors to send in money and form. Ilona voiced that email has been troublesome in the past. After discussion, mail and email was agreed upon.
    e. Patrick suggested adding, “You will receive a confirmation email once we receive your form. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please call Ilona.”
    f. Ilona will add a note to ask non-profits to submit their Tax Exempt Status.
    g. All funds raised will be put into a special account to help pay for the expo expenses.
    h. Meridel voiced and all agreed that payment is due in advance to secure your table.
    i. Patrick voiced that we can aim to have an online fillable form next year for vendors. He also told Ilona he will submit any edit suggestions by the end of the week.
    j. Patrick voiced that the table layout for the Trades Expo allowed for better flow. We can copy this layout and ensure pockets for folks to be able to sit and socialize.
    k. Sherry mentioned that the totes are all set. Phil will help to get those ordered.

l. Patrick mentioned having ALERT there to assist with parking and to also have the golf cart available for folks. Having a sign on the golf cart - “shuttle” - would be helpful.
m. Maryann reminded the committee to make sure all sport activities that weekend are reminded to avoid that parking lot. Patrick will email Katie.

7. New Business: Warrant 22 Subcommittee Update. Subcommittee Members: John Wilson, Meridel Allen, Maryann Ryan.
    a. The first subcommittee meeting will be held after this meeting.
    b. The subcommittee did meet with the Manchester Transit Authority (MTA) today. John voiced that we are looking into duplicating Derry’s Services and expanded hours to Saturday. The start date is to be determined.
    c. Meridel explained that they are in the process of collecting data.
    d. Debbie asked about access to Rivers Edge in Manchester. Have services been discontinued?
        i. Meridel is not sure but mentioned that CART has to deny rides based on vehicle availability and demand.
    e. Maryann mentioned a Pilot Program to help offset cost to town.
    f. The subcommittee is looking into everything and creating a plan. They were impressed by MTA’s data and willingness to accommodate. They will come up with an action plan and eventually bring a proposal to the Town Council.
    g. Ilona mentioned it would be great to do a “Coming Soon” at the Expo.
    h. Meridel mentioned having this weave into the Master Plan and Strategic Plan. All volunteers are welcome to help. The more minds the better.
    i. Meridel proposed having a Subcommittee Transportation update at each meeting going forward.
    j. Debbie voiced her overall pleasure with the Senior Resources Committee. We are accomplishing so much and have an impressive group.
    k. Sherry mentioned that 14 years ago, she remembers Lois advocating for attention for the senior population. It is nice to see how far we have come.
8. Liaison Reports: School Board; Police Dept; Library
    a. From a letter from Tim, School Board: The school year is wrapping up. Senior Awards Night is Wednesday, June 10, 8th Grade Graduation is Thursday, June 11 and High School Graduation is Friday, June 12. The new District office construction is underway. The Groundbreaking Ceremony will be Tuesday, June 23 where construction will officially begin.

9. The next meeting will be held at 5:15 PM on July 7, 2026 in:

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The agenda for the next meeting is as follows: Sherry will send the agenda for the next meeting.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM by Meridel and seconded by Laurie.

Minutes Recorded by Kelly McShane